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Teachers in rally for better pay

More than 25,000 teachers staged a half-day strike, march and rally in London yesterday, to demand an increased pay offer. Among them was Mrs Glenys Kinnock the wife of the Labour leader, a part-time primary school teacher. They received a pledge of TUC support from Mr Norman Willis

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Liverpool faces chaos despite key union's vote

By Peter Davenport and David Felton

Liverpool faces chaos today as a result of the council workers' campaign against government financial policies, in spite of a crucial vote against an all-out strike yesterday by members of Nalgo, the key town hall union.

A rally and 24-hour protest stoppage is expected to close municipal buildings, disrupt services and leave 80,000 children with no schools to attend.

Late last night the joint shop stewards' committee was still discussing the impact of the Nalgo vote not to strike but some council leaders were privately admitting that the threatened all-out strike is now off.

National leaders of the unions involved in the Liverpool crisis are to meet today at the TUC to try to agree a common approach in spite of the substantial differences that exist between them.

Union leaders are hoping that by transferring the city's crisis to a national level, through the meeting at the TUC, the unions may be able to exercise some control. Their immediate aim will be to seek a meeting with Mr Kenneth Baker, secretary of State for the Environment.

Leaders of the city's shop stewards committee have said there would be a simple head count to decide future action. If a majority of workers polled among the unions holding ballots were in favour, then the strike would go ahead as planned, severely disrupting all local authority services except those deemed by the stewards to be essential.

Before Nalgo members met to cast their vote at two mass meetings yesterday, the vote already cast was said to show a near 3,000 majority in favour of a strike beginning today. It would have needed Nalgo members to vote by 3-1 against to prevent the stoppage.

But announcing the results of the ballot last night, on the steps of Liverpool's municipal annexe, the Nalgo chairman, Mr Peter Cresswell, refused to give details of the votes cast. He said the voting figures would not be disclosed until a meeting of union members today.

Most Liverpool voters are against the city council's policy of opposing the Government, believe it has no mandate to take the city to the brink of bankruptcy and reckon it is no longer acting in the city's best interests, according to an opinion poll released last night.

The Harris poll, conducted last weekend for yesterday's *Channel Four News*, shows that 64 per cent did not believe that those who voted Labour at the last municipal elections were in favour of the council pursuing its policies to the point of the city going bankrupt, while just 23 per cent expressed the opposite opinion.

asked whether the council was acting in the best interest of ratepayers, 58 per cent said no and 32 per cent said yes. Asked whether they supported in principle the council's policies of opposing the Government, 46 per cent said no and 44 per cent said yes.

The union has about 6,000 members working for the city council and about 5,500 were said to have attended the two meetings at the Liverpool Stadium yesterday. Unofficial sources said that the strike motion had been heavily defeated, with some putting the figures at the required 3-1 figure.

Nalgo members said they were told by their officials that the union would abide by the decision of its own members rather than the aggregate count planned by the joint shop stewards committee.

However, many are expected to refuse to cross picket lines that are likely to be mounted by members of the largest town hall union, the General, Municipal and Boilermakers and Allied Trades, with 9,000 members, and which carried a vote for strike action by 4,345 to 2,934.

Although the city council employs 31,000 workers some unions, including Nupe, the National Union of Teachers and the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, decided not to ballot their members or to back the strike call.

But teachers would be locked out of their schools by the caretakers, who hold the keys, and who voted in favour of the action.

The London meeting has been arranged by Mr Ron Todd, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union, and Mr David Banett, leader of GMBATU. Leaders of the eight main unions with membership in Liverpool council are expected to attend.

Mr Basnett's union is the largest within the council, with more than 9,000, and the support for the line adopted by the militant shop stewards is not supported nationally.

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UN sees Kremlin's new style

Shevardnadze puts 'star peace' offer

From Michael Binyon, New York

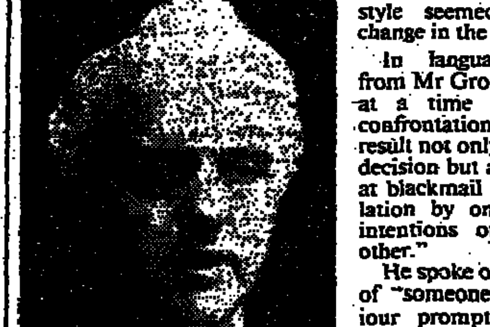
Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, yesterday proposed what he called "star peace" – a world space organization to encourage the peaceful exploration of space and to prevent its militarization.

In his debut at the United Nations General Assembly, he said that the Soviet Union was submitting a plan for broad international cooperation in exploring and using space for peaceful purposes.

All countries would be invited to join; but as a precondition there had to be a complete ban on all attempts to use space for military purposes.

"To counter the sinister plans of Star Wars, the USSR is putting before the international community a concept of star peace." Mankind had to avoid the folly of 40 years ago, when the release of energy from the atom became a means of mass annihilation.

"Having filled the first pages of its space history, mankind is facing a choice. Either space will help to improve the living conditions on our planet, or it will become the source of a new mortal danger."



Mr Shevardnadze at the UN: cool and forthright

In a striking departure from the hectoring and cliché-ridden style of his predecessor, Mr Andrei Gromyko, the new Soviet Foreign Minister spelt out in cool language his objections to the principles of President Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative.

The risk of nuclear war was comparatively low while there was strategic equilibrium: But that might change if one side should develop a space-based anti-missile shield.

"It is obvious that in such cases the aggressor may be tempted to deliver a first "disarming" nuclear strike, counting on impunity," he said. "That is what makes the desire to gain military superiority in the nuclear age extremely dangerous. Yet this is precisely the thrust of the new United States military programmes."

Mr George Shultz, the United States Secretary of State, listened attentively to the speech, which was remarkable for its brevity. The Assembly chamber was unusually quiet as delegates tried to take the measure of the white-haired Georgian.

Mr Shevardnadze appeared confident, and his forthright style seemed to reflect the change in the Kremlin itself.

In language unimaginable from Mr Gromyko, he said that at a time of high military confrontation nuclear war "may result not only from a deliberate decision but also from attempts at blackmail or from miscalculation by one side as to the intentions or actions of the other."

He spoke of the consequences of "someone's reckless behaviour prompted by a sudden aggravation of the situation or computer malfunction: Mr Gromyko would have said "Western reckless behaviour."

UK presses France for Greenpeace redress

**By Nicholas Ashford
Diplomatic Correspondent**

Britain yesterday pressed France to "make swift compensation to those who had suffered loss" through the sinking of the Greenpeace vessel Rainbow Warrior by French secret agents.

The message was delivered by Sir John Fretwell, the British Ambassador in Paris, who explained to the French authorities that Britan would give appropriate diplomatic support to any requests for compensation, as the Rainbow Warrior was a British ship.

The Foreign Office yesterday declined to estimate how much compensation France could expect to pay. That would be a matter for Greenpeace to pursue

Britain will raise the issue of the sinking again today when M Jacques Viot, the French Ambassador, holds talks at the Foreign Office with Sir Antony Acland, the permanent under-secretary.

Britain was intensely irritated by French press reports, which bore all the hallmarks of having been officialy inspired, suggesting that the British secret service was involved in the bombing incident. Britain's determination to support Greenpeace claims for compensation and its decision to emphasize French responsibility for the attack are seen as retaliatory gestures.

● WELLINGTON: New Zealand television said yesterday that the two French secret service agents held by New Zealand in connection with the Greenpeace bombing could possibly be released as part of an overall compensation settlement (AFP reports).

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Prince William yesterday with Mrs Jane Mynors, who runs the nursery school (Photograph: Suresh Karadia).

William steps out for first day at school

By Rupert Morris

First day at school held no terrors yesterday for Prince William, who, at three years and three months produced as self-assured a public performance as his parents, the Prince and Princess of Wales, could have wished.

William, as his new playmates call him, arrived at 9.40am at the £200-a-term nursery school in Chepstow Villas, Notting Hill, west London, in a neapolitan-striped sweated, red shorts and red sandals.

Apparently oblivious of the massed ranks of cameramen, photograpers and reporters, some of whom booked position the previous evening, William toddled up with his parents to meet Mrs Jane Mynors, the bishop's daughter who runs the school.

When he had shaken hands he headed off by himself for the basement nursery, pausing at the top of the steps to give a nonchalant wave to his audience.

An hour and three-quarters later, he emerged, holding his

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Dead girl 'refused to eat after punishment'

By Michael Horsnell

Heidi Koseda, aged three, who starved to death alone in the bedroom of a council flat, refused to eat after she was punished for taking sweets from a kitchen cupboard, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Nicholas Price, aged 26, from Hayes, Middlesex, who denies murdering the girl, said he and Mrs Rosemary Koseda decided to refuse her food for two days, about three weeks before her death.

Mrs Koseda, aged 26, who has two younger children by Price, has denied murder but pleaded guilty to manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility.

The jury, which has been told that Heidi Koseda died unnoticed despite visits by health and social workers after her stepfather pretented she was staying with friends, will retire to consider its verdict today.

After the girl's punishment was over, Price told the court she refused food until she became skin and bone.

In the final week of her life she refused to sleep anywhere but in the flat's only bedroom.

It was on the floor in that room, among piles of tyres, cables and furniture that Heidi's body was found by police on January 23, about two months after her death.

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Quake baby pulled alive from rubble

**From John Carlin
Mexico City**

A five-day-old baby boy, born on the day of the Mexican earthquake, just before it happened, was reported to have been rescued alive just after midnight yesterday. He was badly dehydrated but his heart was beating normally and doctors were hopeful the infant would survive.

Another remarable rescue was that of an eight-day-old baby boy – born four days before Thursday's earthquake – who spent 103 hours under the rubble of his home lying by the body of his dead mother.

Astonished doctors at the Red Cross Hospital in the Mexican capital say they expect the infant, who is badly lacerated, to survive. They could not explain how he managed to live, saying only he must have drawn on some "instinctive survival mechanism".

The father of the eight-day-old baby was not at home when the earthquake struck. His joy at the miraculous survival of his baby was tempered by his knowledge that his wife had died.

The two babies were rescued from the ruins of the Juarez Hospital, where rescue workers this morning said 700 people were still trapped.

Also at the Red Cross Hospital was a man rescued on Monday afternoon, Señor Ruben Rodriguez, aged 32, has a fractured pelvis and leg, he is badly dehydrated but doctors are confident he will survive.

Señor Rodriguez said he was one of four people – two men and two women – in his office at the Ministry of Labour when the earthquake brought the building crashing down.

He was separated from his three colleagues by collapsed concrete walls but they all kept talking to each other until the other three died.

Señor Rodriguez said he managed to stay alive by drinking his urine and placing a small stone under his tongue, which helped him maintain saliva in his mouth.

On Monday afternoon he heard voices, dragged himself nearer to the hole he could see in the wall and started to shout. Rescue workers heard his cries and got him out.

Dazed government officials yesterday began to take stock of the extent and implications of the earthquake damage in Mexico City after hope had been virtually abandoned of finding more survivors.

Official and unofficial figures on the number of victims still differ greatly. The mayor of Mexico City, Señor Ramon Aguirre, said yesterday that 3,000 bodies had been recovered and 1,500 remained buried under the rubble. But the Mexican Red Cross put the figure of bodies found at more than 4,000 and foreign rescue workers estimated the number of those still missing, trapped, at another 4,000 at least.

Professional rescue teams from five countries, including Britain, are working around the clock but say they are now finding only bodies. A French doctor said: "By now all who suffered major injuries and are still buried are dead."

The scale of the problem that confronts the Government now is daunting. Some 350,000 people have evacuated their homes. At least one million are without running water. City authorities have said a total of 7,000 buildings have suffered some damage.

Victims face double peril and photograph, page 5

Repayments arrears put IMF in red

By Sarah Hogg

A rising number of countries are in arrears on their loan repayments to the International Monetary Fund, pushing the fund into deficit for the first time in eight years, its annual report revealed today. The IMF expressed serious concern at this trend.

Mexico was the fourth country to be formally cut off from access to IMF funds because it was heavily in arrears, but yesterday top American officials said they were pressing ahead with plans for an IMF emergency loan to Mexico of up to $200 million (£140 million).

The other three countries debarred from IMF funds are Cambodia, Guyana and Vietnam.

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US may block 'unfair' imports

**From Bailey Morris
Washington**

The Reagan Administration intends to take strong measures to implement its new trade policy even if it requires the closure of important US markets to foreign suppliers, Mr Malcolm Baldridge, the US Commerce Secretary, said yesterday.

President Reagan may decide by the end of the year to impose restrictive tariffs or quotas in key industries affected by the unfair trade practices of some of America's largest trading partners, Mr Baldridge said.

His assessment of the meaning of the new Reagan trade policy was the strongest indication yet that the Administration, in heading off rising protectionism in Congress, intends to take protectionist steps where necessary.

At the same time, Mr Baldridge reiterated his view that the dollar must decline by 25 per cent from present levels to reduce the record US trade deficit. It was in this vein that he said the follow up to the monetary pact announced by the Group of Five industrial nations was all-important.

"We think we did get commitments from those other countries at that meeting to take non-inflationary steps to stimulate their economies. Now we want to see what follow-up there is," Mr Baldridge said.

He disclosed that the Administration is close to deciding on the industries it intends to aid by initiating 301 trade cases which give the President broad authority to raise tariffs, impose quotas and take other restrictive steps to halt imports.

"There are plenty of places where we can move. We may get Gatt suits (protests filed by other nations with the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade in Geneva), but that will not stop us from going ahead," Mr Baldrige said.

He and other top US officials indicated yesterday that the Administration is under strong pressure to put teeth into the trade initiatives announced by Mr Reagan on Monday.

At the same time, he indicated that the Administration expects more economic action than maybe forthcoming as a result of the monetary accord reached by the Group of Five on Sunday.

Mr Baldrige, in reviewing the new trade policy, said he felt that not enough emphasis had been placed on the government's new willingness to initiate the trade cases which he said the Administration had avoided in the past. "This is the strongest trade law on the books, so strong we have been reluctant to use it," he said.

He said the President's new trade policy allowed Mr Reagan to go as far as some of the most restrictive protectionist measures proposed by Congress but without specifically advocating tariffs or quotas.

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NCB sets rules for keeping pits open

**By Donald Macintyre
Labour Editor**

The National Coal Board yesterday signalled the final demise of the expansionist *Plan for Coal* launched 10 years ago, and unveilled a new market-oriented strategy providing for the closure of pits which cannot produce at a cost lower than £39 per tonne.

The NCB effectively introduced its new Plan for Coal with the announcement of new criteria for judging whether a pit should be maintained, and effectively defining, for the first time, an uneconomic colliery.

Although the board refused to translate the strategy into a forecast of job or pit losses, the meeting was overshadowed by the warning last week from Mr Ian MacGregor, the NCB chairman, that he was seeking deep mined output of around 90 million tonnes, a reduction of just under 10 per cent from levels before the year-long miners' strike.

Mr Ken Moses, the NCB's Technical Director, who outlined the strategy to the three mining unions yesterday, did not demur from that figure after the meeting, but he, too, refused to make any forecast of the impact on jobs or pits. Some senior union leaders, however, believe that it could spell the closure of around 50 pits or more before output can be stabilized.

Mr Moses told the unions that the NCB's central objective was to bring stability to the coal industry, which was possible provided coal could be "produced at the right costs enabling it to be sold at prices customers are prepared to pay".

The NCB, would not be making long-term plans, as in the 1970s, but would be pursuing a planning cycle based on a yearly review. He said that with more than £3,000 million invested in the industry since 1974 to provide 40 million tonnes of new, low-cost coal mining capacity, there was ample capacity to meet likely market demand. Investment was continuing at more than £2 million a day.

Mr Moses outlined "basic assumptions" that would be needed including:

● Examination, under the review procedure, of collieries "showing no prospect of achieving production costs" which would enable the industry to match its costs with proceeds from sales. The first consideration would be to improve results, but if that could not be done closure would have to be considered.

● The future of any colliery "would be in doubt" if it did not produce at less than about £1.50 per gijoule, the thermal unit used in electricity. That broadly translates as a production cost of £39 per tonne, compared with a generally estimated current average cost of around £44.

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Greater powers sought on local health service pay bargaining

By Donald Macintyre, Labour Editor

A significant increase in local pay bargaining is envisaged in a series of radical proposals for reforming wage regulations in the National Health Service.

The report from the National Association of Health Authorities, led by Lady McCathy, comes out against abolishing national bargaining in the health service.

Instead it suggests the creation of three new bands within which district and, where appropriate, regional managers would have freedom to negotiate local agreements covering merit and effort as well as adjustment of internal differentials.

Agreement on the allocation of posts to particular bands and on the yearly increases in rates would be negotiated nationally, but health authorities would be free to decide locally where groups of staff were placed within the band "and to reward individual performance".

The three bands would consist of those earning less than £9,000, including those on most basic manual grades such as ambulancemen, nursing auxiliaries and clerical officers; those earning between £9,000 and £21,000, including most middle managers and doctors up to the level of senior registrar and associate specialist; and those earning above £21,000 who include senior managers and consultants.

There would be three subdivisions or "spines" within the central band. Posts would be allocated by national agreement to one of those

Although the report recognizes that almost 50 per cent of health service staff, including doctors and nurses, would continue to be covered by review bodies, beyond the employers' control, it suggests that all groups covered by pay reviews should still be allocated to their appropriate band to help decisions on internal relativity and to aid the review bodies in determining future pay levels.

NHS: A Time for Change, NAHA, Garth House, 47 Edgbaston Park Road, Birmingham B15 2RS £4.50 (members); £6.00 (non-members).

People of Liverpool wait for deliverance

By Anthony Bevins
Political Correspondent

The 540,000 people of Liverpool are caught between the Militant devils and the deep-blue Conservative government in a clash which is not of their making.

There is agreement across the political spectrum and across the community, from church leaders through to the chamber of commerce, that the city needs more cash assistance.

But the difficulty is that the Labour council is dominated by the Trotskyist Militant sect, the secret society which is loathed by the national Labour leadership, detested by local Labour moderates and regarded with hearty distaste and distrust by the Government.

Nationally, Labour and Liberal leaders believe that Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for the Environment, is right to be wary of the Mersey Militants. Liverpool's Labour MPs expect to make little headway when they meet him for talks tomorrow.

Even if the threatened strike does not take place today, and there are some who believe that the Militants have the power to wind the city down whether the 31,496 council workers want it or not, Mr John Hamilton, the notional council leader, says that the city will begin to run out of money next week.

As council employees received their pay slips on Monday, some were heard to comment: "Maybe that is the last we will be getting."

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, said in Liverpool on Monday that the Militants had taken power on a pledge to save jobs and services "now the threat is no jobs and no services".

Given Liverpool's background of huge unemployment and the 1981 Toxteth riots, there is fear about its volatility and the revolutionaries are gathering.

But Mr Baker told the *Liverpool Echo* this week: "One thing I have learned about Liverpool is that it has a remarkable capacity to hang on longer than anybody thinks it can."

Whether Liverpool's people can hang on until the Militant councillors and their fellow travellers are disbarred from office under legal action already launched by the district auditor is another matter. It is thought that the earliest resolution of the cases against 49 councillors could be December.

Labour's crisis is stark, given that the party conference starts in Bournemouth on Sunday. Mr Baker would be less than political if he did not savour Labour's predicament.

Mr Kinnock has repeatedly been urged to disband the Liverpool Labour party and purge it of its Militant minority. One leading Labour politician said this week: "The Labour Party will suffer until Neil has the courage to tackle them."

It is a measure of the Militant terror that there is not one Labour MP, or union leader, who will come out into the open and say publicly what they say in private about the Trotskyist takover of the party and the unions in the city.

Meanwhile, the hapless Mr Hamilton, aged 63, a Quaker and schoolteacher, bears the brunt of the Militants' closely coordinated revolutionary strategy. It is known that he has considered resignation, that he is bullied and berated by the Militant cohorts and that he has no stomach for their techniques.

He does believe vehemently, however, that the city requires more money and that without the safety valve of Labour control, the city could ignite. He says that it is a powder keg with high unemployment and poor housing causing a frustration which could erupt into an explosion.

Friends say that he sees the current alliance with Militant as a necessary evil; an alliance of Churchill and Stalin in the common cause.

But the man who sets the pace and the headlines is Mr Derek Hatton the Militant deputy leader, who has been dismissed as a Volvo revolutionary; an acid Scouse comment on his middle class lifestyle.

Mr Baker's difficulty is that Mr Hatton now speaks for Labour. "He is taking over where Scargill left off," one Labour MP said.

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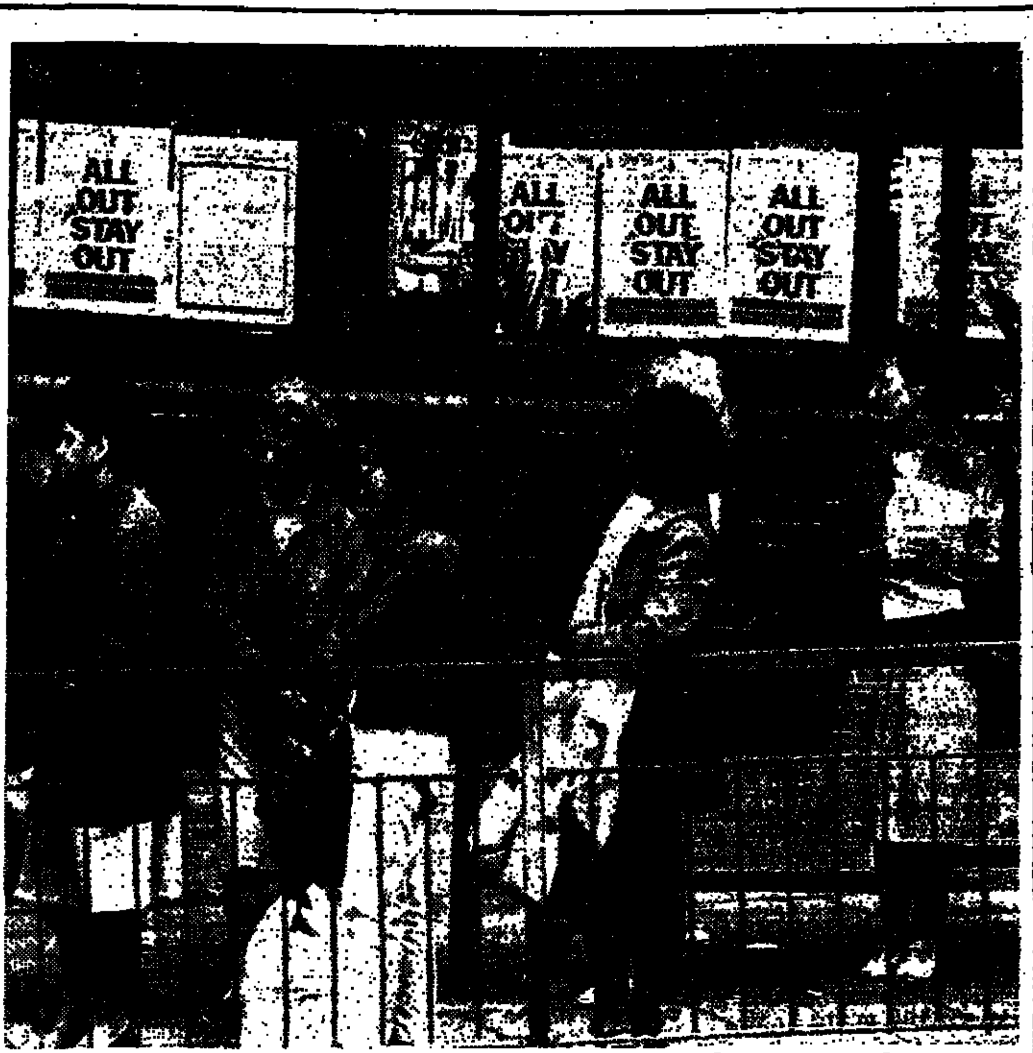

Posters exhorting Liverpudlians to strike today faced shoppers yesterday
Photograph: John Manning

DHSS staff walk out over jibe by claimant

Social security staff walked out in protest yesterday at an accusation that they treated claimants "like animals".

They said that they were also furious with Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Social Services, for not defending them from the allegation.

It was made by a Sunderland woman on a *World in Action* Independent Television programme on Monday in which Mr Fowler was taken on a tour of poverty-stricken areas of the North-east by the Bishop of Durham, Dr David Jenkins.

Mr Fowler insisted last night that he had defended the staff, and reaffirmed his "total support".

Earlier all but two of the 112 workers at the Sunderland South social security office and all the 130-strong staff at the Sunderland North office went on a 24-hour strike.

Their union, the Civil and Public Services Association, said: "The allegation, transmitted with no attempt to balance it with a comment from those accused, is completely without foundation.

"Despite massive and increasing workloads, staff cuts, physical and verbal assaults, our members struggle to do their jobs with compassion

The union spokesman accused Mr Fowler of "accepting the accusation as fact, excusing the alleged behaviour as a result of staff being under severe pressure and finding it difficult to manage".

Penalty of £1.67m on sugar firm 'too severe'

By Our Agriculture Correspondent

The European Commission's confiscation of more than £1,670,000 from a British sugar broking company for a "minimal and purely technical oversight" was declared invalid by the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg yesterday.

The court was told that the company, E D and F Man Ltd, of London, had tendered for a sugar export contract on July 27, 1983, and had lodged the money with the Commission. The tender had been accepted the next day by the Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce, but the company failed to submit its application for export licences within the required four days.

The company explained that because a telex operator was ill, his replacement had a heavy workload and hot weather had upset the normal work routine, the application did not reach the board until 3.41pm on August 2 when the deadline was noon. It described the penalty as "grossly unfair".

Yesterday the court declared that the court was entitled to impose a time limit "in the interests of sound administration", but the penalty was too severe.

Under EEC rules the forfeiture clause is intended to prevent speculation in fluctuating sugar prices

Tory revolt over steel plant

By Ronald Faux

All the members of the executive committee of the South Cunninghame Conservative and Unionist Association in west central Scotland have threatened to resign from the Conservative Party unles the Government gives the Ravenscraig steel works near Motherwell a guarateed future.

A letter from the South Cunninghame Tories to Mrs Margaret Thatcher says there is grave concern about the British Steel Corporation's decision to cles the Gartcosh steel rolling mill in Lanarkshire which is the biggest customer of the Ravenscraig works.

The letter has embarrassed leading Conservatives in Scotland who, along with Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, have supported the BSC policy on Scottish steel. Sir James Gould, chairman of the Scottish Conservative Party, said yesterday the letter was very much regretted.

South Cunninghame is held by Mr David Lambie, for Labour, with a majority of 11,700 but Cunninghame North, narrowly held by the Tories and Mr Younger's seat in Ayr are near by.

A wedding fight to remember

Susan Baird will not forget her wedding on Friday the 13th. She was handcuffed and arrested, along with 12 other guests who clashed with police officers after the reception, Horseferry Road Magistrates were told yesterday.

Her husband, Stephen, aged 24, spent the night alone in a police cell.

Police were called after fighting broke out among the Scottish guests at her council flat in Robert Owen House, Fulham Palace Road, west London.

Mrs Baird, who admitted obstructing police and assaulting a woman police constable at Fulham police station, was fined £150.

James O'Connor, aged 21, unemployed, the bride's brother, of Robert Owen House, was fined £100; his wife Margaret, aged 18, £50; and his sister, Teresa, aged 26, from Perran Walk, Brentford, £150.

The groom's three sisters, Helen Baird, aged 20, Maureen Maloney, aged 22, both of St Paul's Close, Ealing, west London and Christine Samahan, aged 37, from Ludlow Court, East Acton, were fined £75.

GCHQ union chief's promotion blocked

By David Felton,
Labour Correspondent

The Ministry of Defence has blocked the promotion of a scientist at the Government Communications Headquarters establishment at Cheltenham because he has defied the ban on trade union membership.

Mr Richard Alexander, a computer expert, passed two promotion boards but has been told in a letter that he will not be eligible for a higher grade, which would mean a salary increase of £4,000, to £13,718 until he has indicated that he is prepared to accept a transfer out of GCHQ.

Mr Alexander's case is the first move by the Government to block what would have been an automatic transfer to a higher grade, because of union membership. He would have been due to move into a newly created Communications, Scientific and Technology class for which pay increases of up to 28 per cent have been granted because of the difficulty in recruiting and retaining specialist staff.

There has been one previous similar case in which an executive officer was not granted promotion to higher executive officer, but that differed from the present situation because the Civil Servant would have had to wait for a vacancy. The Government has accepted publicly that it cannot recruit people of sufficient quality into the grade to which Mr Alexander had won promotion.

Mr Alexander, a mathematics graduate, said last night: "My career has been blown to smithereens through no fault of mine. I am not interested in transferring to other departments."

Mr Alexander has been one of the more publicly vociferous opponents of the Government's ban on unions at Cheltenham and its satellite listening posts. He is chairman of the Institution of Professional Civil Servants branch at Cheltenham.

The letter from the ministry refusing his promotion said: "I am pleased to tell you that approval had been given for your promotion to the grade of senior scientific officer. As you are aware you cannot be promoted within your present department.

"A promotion will therefore become effective once you transfer to another establishment in the MoD and take up duties of the higher grade," the letter concluded.

Mr Bill McCall, the trade union's general secretary, said last night: "This is a classic example of the Government itself damaging national security. GCHQ is desperately short of qualified staff

Footballer fined £300 over blast

Anti-terrorist squad detectives and bomb disposal experts raced to a London address after a blast in a flat occupied by a Middle East family, Horseferry Road Court was told yesterday.

But the full-scale terrorist alert proved to be a false alarm when they found a father "playing around" with a toy "secret agent" gun and exploding toy caps.

Oussama Aytour, aged 24, a professional footballer and a star of Lebanon's World Cup squad, had been "messing about" with an empty tomato ketchup bottle, some nails and the caps, Mr Robert Dyson, for the prosecution, said.

Aytour, reportedly the most expensive footballer in the Gulf who had trials with Chelsea before his arrest in August, was fined £300

He had pleaded not guilty to a charge under the Explosives Act, 1875, of unlawfully making an explosive device at his brother's council flat in Sullivan Court, Peterborough Road, Fulham, south-west London.

Two for trial in computer case

Two alleged computer "hackers", accused of forging Prestel customers' identity codes to gain access to various public and private teletext services were committed for trial on unconditional bail to Southwark Crown Court yesterday after a two-day hearing at Bow Street Magistrates' Court, in London.

Robert Schifreen, aged 22, of Edgware, Middlesex, a computer journalist, and Stephen Gold, aged 29, an accountant of Sheffield, South Yorkshire, face a total of nine charges under the Forgery and Counterfeiting Act, 1981, in the first case of its kind.

Driving ban on royal forester

William Proctor, the Queen's head forester, was disqualified from driving for 12 months and was fined £200 by magistrates at King's Lynn, Norfolk, yesterday on a drink-driving charge after a crash that led to a woman's death.

Mr Trevor Robinson, for Proctor, aged 64, of The Grounds, Sandringham, told the court that Proctor remembered nothing of the head-on crash after he had consumed three glasses of wine. Mrs Kathleen Rolph, aged 36, of Brendon, Suffolk, was killed.

Track deaths inquest opens

An inquest into the deaths of two teenagers who died after being struck by an express train near Bishop's Stortford station on Thursday was opened and adjourned yesterday at Hertford.

Michael Cooray, aged 19, from Plaw Hatch Close, Bishops Stortford, and his friend Melanie Barnes, aged 13, from Gloucester Court, Waltham Cross, were identified from personal property.

Arthritis aid week launched

A campaign to help Britain's six million arthritis sufferers was launched yesterday by Terry Wogan, the television presenter, whose mother has the disease.

The first National Arthritis Care Week aims to increase public awareness of the disease, the most common cause of disability in the country.

Death charge

Richard Flynn, aged 47, a businessman of Kilcoursey, Clara, Co Offaly, has been summoned to appear at Kilbeggan district court today, charged with the manslaughter of Father Niall Molloy, aged 52.

Coe fined

Sebastian Coe, aged 28, the Olympic runner, was fined £36 with £6 costs by St Albans magistrates yesterday after admitting driving at more than 90mph on the M1 in Hertfordshire.

BBC adverts only way to avoid fall in standards, advertisers say

By David Hewson

Advertising agencies and advertisers believe that the only way to prevent what they see as a decline in the BBC's standards is for the corporation to take commercials, according to their evidence to the Peacock Committee, which is examining the BBC's funding.

Both agencies and advertisers doubt that the licence fee system can guarantee the corporation the income it requires. The agencies, through the Institute of Practitioners in Advertising, and the companies, through the Incorporated Society of British Advertisers, are emphatic that commercials will not lead to a fall in the quality of British television, the keystone of the argument of those fighting against advertising on BBC.

The IPA says that with the present system even if the licence fee increases in line with the retail price index, ITV will earn more than double the BBC's income by the early 1990s. To preserve the fee would inevitably result in a steady decline in the range and quality of the BBC's services.

The institute has produced forecasts, based on data from the Henley Centre, that the BBC could maintain the present licence fee and attract significant funds from advertising while ITV's income continued to grow in line with inflation.

The IPA calls for a cautious start to advertising on the BBC, initially limited to only one or two minutes per hour on BBC 2 and increasing and increasing in time when the growth in total advertising revenue permits. Its most cautious scenario, in which BBC 1 and BBC 2 would carry only two minutes of advertising an hour each by 1996, predicts that within a decade commercials could earn it £208 million a year, coupled with a licence fee income of £335 million, at 1984 prices. At the other end of the scale, if both BBC channels accepted six minutes of commercials an hour and there was an overall increase in advertising volume, the corporation would receive £715 million in commercials revenues in 1996 at 1984 prices.

The IPA argues that the strong rate of growth of advertising should cushion other media from the effects of the BBC's move into commercials.

The submission dismisses the idea that advertising would neccaarily lead to a fall in television standards. It argues that the maintenance of the status quo in broadcasting is a certain recipe for a continuing decline in BBC programme quality.

According to the ISBA, advertising could represent about 20 per cent of the BBC's revenue needs, rising to 50 per cent in five years and providing the whole of the corporation's funding in a decade.

Its evidence says: "The structure of programmes and the contest of programmes would, in these new circumstances, continue to depend entirely on the decisions of the broadcasters and there would be no interference by advertisers of advertising interests. The only significant change therefore would be that the BBC would share in the growth of advertising revenue, but this would cause only minor and temporary upset to ITV.

Air disaster 'may affect BA profits'

By Michael Baily
Transport Editor

The Manchester air disaster in August may cut British Airways' pre-privatization profits. Mr Colin Marshall, the airline's chief executive, admitted yesterday.

Up to 12 of British Airways' 44 Boeing 737s have been out of service since the crash. The crash aircraft itself and the much bigger Tristar which overshot the runway at Leeds /Bradford in May, have also been out of use, so the airline has not carried as many passengers as it would have done.

That added to the cost of chartering aircraft at peak holiday times, "had an effect in terms of revenue and profit", which the airline had not yet fully quantified, Mr Marshall said.

A further factor causing concern as the airline prepares for next spring's £1 billion flotation is the relative strength of sterling and the dollar on exchange markets in recent months. That was the only combination that had a negative effect on British Airways' finances Mr Marshall said.

He was speaking at the London preview of a £5 million advertising campaign.

It features a stewardess as "superwoman", rescuing a customers bag from the top of a scryscraper, then flying off (without an aeroplane) into the blue.

Boy killed in fall from car

Jamin Robbins, aged six, who was killed instantly when he fell from a Portugese-made vehicle after two of its windows shattered.

The boy's father, Mr Jonathan Robbins, aged 29, of Creddis, Little Petherick, Wadebridge, Cornwell, told an inquest at Weston-super-Mare yesterday, that he had placed his son in a sleeping bag in the back of the UMM Transcat to protect him from wind and rain after the front windscreen had smashed of its own accord.

Eight hours later, as they passed Junction 20 on the M5 motorway, the rear nearside windscreen also fell out and Jamin fell on to the road Mr Robbins said.

He told the inquest that he noticed increased turbulance in the vehicle but did not take any notice because the anorak hood he was wearing caused a lot of noise.

Mr Percy Pepler, the coroner, recorded a verdict of accidental death.

Optimism on grain harvest not shared

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

The Ministry of Agriculture yesterday issued its preliminary estimate of a grain harvest of between 24 million and 26.5 million tonnes this year.

The figure is higher than the forecast in *The Times* last Monday of little more than 22 million tonnes, based on a questionnaire sent to farmers.

The ministry estimates yields of wheat ranging from 6.75 to 7.55 tonnes a hectare, and 5.3 to 5.8 tonnes for barley. Comparable figures in *The Times* were 6.4 and 5.2 tonnes respectively.

The ministry's optimism, or pessimism if viewed in terms of likely intervention costs, is not shared by the Department of Agriculture in the United States. It predicts a sharp fall in EEC wheat production, from 76.5 million tonnes to 68.6 million, and a smaller drop in barley from 74.8 to 73 million tonnes.

American estimates are that lower wheat production in the United States and Europe will be offset largely by increased Soviet production, and that the overall output of coarse grains will be higher. That will result in continuing depressed world prices, although domestic prices in Britain are continuing to rise from their low point a month ago.

Outbreaks up as Britain seems brucellosis-free

By Our Agriculture Correspondent

Less than a week before Britain is to be declared officially free from the cattle disease brucellosis, the number of outbreaks is increasing.

The disease has spread from Somerset to other parts of the West Country and to south Wales. According to the Ministry of Agriculture, there have been 40 outbreaks and 12 herds have had to be slaughtered in the past two months.

The National Farmers' Union and the Farmers' Union of Wales urged the Ministry to designate brucellosis a notifiable disease, which would mean that neighbouring farmers would have to be told of any outbreak.

Brucellosis is an infectious bacterial disease which mainly affects the reproductive system. It can be transmitted to humans, although incidents are rare

The ministry, which hopes next Monday's declaration under an EEC directive that Britain is free from the disease will help cattle exports, said yesterday that less than 0.1 per cent of herds were affected, and that the latest outbreaks compared with 1,400 in 1980.

Top schools decide to drop 'public' from title

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Britain's top public schools are to become known as independent schools.

The Headmasters' Conference, which represents them, has decided to drop the word 'public' on the grounds that it is misleading and provocative.

The change was announced yesterday by Mr Bruce McGowan, chairman of the HMC and head of The Haberdashers' Aske's School, Elstree, Hertfordshire, who told the annual meeting in Oxford the the "public school" had "unwelcome and udeserved overtones of social exclusivity."

Mr McGowan's most controversial proposal was for an extension to the assisted places scheme, whereby children of less well-off families are sent to independent schools with government help. The sceme is unpopular with many heads of state secondary schools

This year £22 million is being spent on 25,000 assisted place pupils, 40 per cent of whom qualify for free education.

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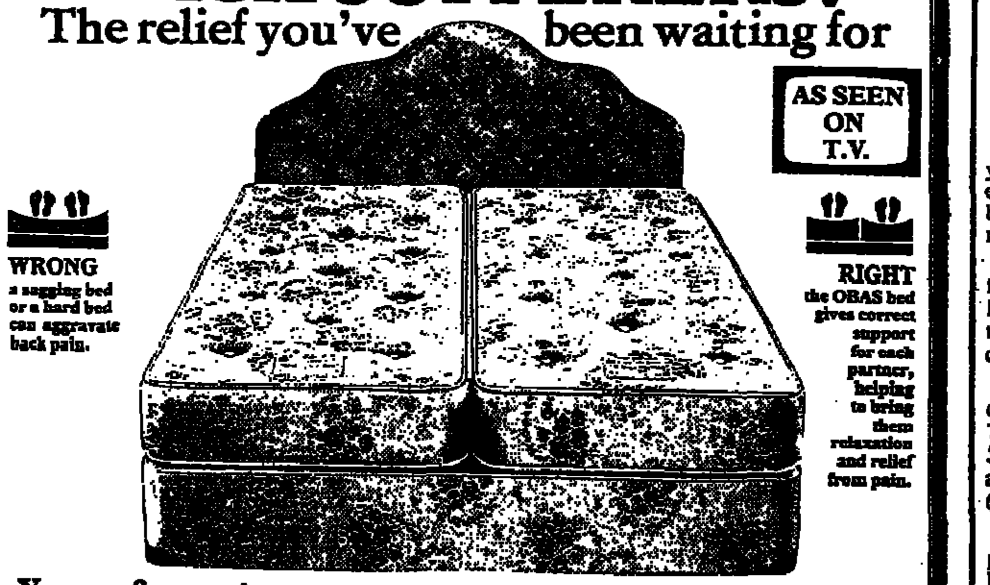

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Heidi was starved as punishment for taking sweets, court told

By Michael Horsnell

A punishment for taking some sweets from the kitchen led to the death of Heidi Koseda, aged three, who was found starved to death in a locked bedroom of a council flat, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Nicholas Price, aged 26, unemployed, who has pleaded not guilty to murdering the girl, told the court: "I wanted to punish her. I stopped feeding her for one or two days.

"About two weeks before she died I stopped giving her food.

"After two days we gave her food but she refused it and then it got out of hand."

There was no question, Mr Price told the court, that Heidi was frightened of him. He continued to ask her to eat, but she refused, though on occasions she would accept a couple of mouthfuls.

He said Heidi's refusal to take food two days later when the punishment had ended was the first time he had ever had trouble with her about eating.

"She was losing weight and after about a month she was skin and bone."

He agreed that he had not done a single thing to help Heidi. She had been alone in the bedroom for about a week before she died and could have come out if she wanted to.

Mr Price said that she had been given water but could not remember the last time she had a drink and said that she did not cry during her final days.

Mr Price said: "I think Heidi died in November. I caused her death. I admit that because I didn't give her enough food. But I did not mean to kill her. I did not mean to do her serious injury."

Mr Price told the court that Mrs Rosemary Koseda, the child's mother, did not know of Heidi's death until two months later, two days before he was arrested.

He had told her "a pack of lies", including the story that Heidi was staying at a friend's house. She never questioned him about the girl's disappearance, nor did she go into the room, he said.

Mrs Koseda, aged 26, also of Woolacombe Way, Hayes, Middlesex, had denied murder, but pleaded guilty to manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility.

During the next two months Mr Price said he thought about "money, cars and everything else". "I knew eventually the body would be found. I never tried to take the body away, to hide or bury it.

"I don't know what I thought. I didn't mean to kill or hurt her. I knew they would find Heidi in the end. They would not take my lies any longer and they arrested me."

Mr Price told the jury: "I don't know why I didn't take her to the doctor in the first place. I was scared of authority and thought I was going to get into trouble.

"I talked to Rosemary about it. I told her we should take her to the doctors and she said: 'later'. I am not blaming Rosemary for this."

He said that on the night Heidi died he went to the bathroom and on the way back opened the door where Heidi slept and called her name.

"She was lying on the floor. I didn't go over to her. I stood by the door. I don't know why I didn't go over to her. I was scared. I believed she was dead.

"I went out on the balcony. It was the middle of the night. Rosemary was asleep. I went to get some fresh air and to think."

He could not explain why Heidi's underpants were round her ankles and said he did not know how the little girl went to the lavatory during her last days, though he said he did not stop her.

"It occurred to me that she might die from lack of food. That was when she was weak, two or three days before she died. That possibility made me more scared but I still did nothing".

Mr Price said that when interviewed by police he had made up the admission that he had put her in the back room and he added that it was a lie when he told police he gave Heidi no food for financial reasons.

He denied that he placed a broom handle across the room to prevent her getting out. He said he placed it there only after her death to stop their son James from opening the door.

Mr Price said that when he told the police that he had ordered Mrs Koseda not to feed Heidi he was not telling the truth.

The family had been living in the front room with one bed, just a mattress, a carry cot for James, Mr Price said.

Rosemary and I were sleeping on the mattress and Heidi slept with us.

"We had moved out of the bedroom because Rosemary said it was cold. The walls were running with damp on some days.

A few days before the girl died she insisted on sleeping in the bedroom Mr Price said.

Wearing a red shirt and armless combat jacket Mr Price told Mr Nigel Mylne, QC, for the defence that he had had a happy childhood but that as an adult he got into trouble and has a poor work record as well as a conviction for shoplifting.

He and Mrs Koseda met at school when they were aged about 15 and grew fond of each other but lost touch afterwards in which time she married.

But in the summer of 1981 they met again at the Department of Health and Social Security office in Southall. After her marriage broke up they moved into her flat when Heidi was nearly two years old.

"I loved her like she was my own daughter. She got on very well with me. I kept telling Rosemary I loved her."

"I loved her like she was my own daughter."

He decorated the flat, he said, though he admitted that when police broke in to find Heidi's body on January 23, two months after he death, it was filthy.

Mr Price, who said he occupied himself repairing cars, became the father of Mrs Koaeda's second child, James, on September 23, 1983 and Liza on December 6, 1984.

Mr Roy Amlot, for the prosecution, said in his closing speech: "Although he claimed to love Heidi like his own daughter he did not take one solitary step to bring help to the little girl.

"He didn't turn to a single other person, especially a doctor, and day after day, week after week, went by and she got thinner and thinner until in the end she fell over and died, skin and bone."

He asked: "Could Heidi really have chosen to go into the cold, damp bedroom on her own and could it be she chose not to eat?".

Mr Mylne said Mr Price was "an inadequate man of very low intelligence and very very stupid".

The Common Serjeant, Judge Pigot, told the jurors he would send them out to consider their verdicts first thing this morning. It was probably better to have an overnight gap so they could approach the evidence more dispassionately, he said.

The judge said it was one of the tragedies of he case that the concern of Miss Loraine Martin, who alerted the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children was not acted upon because if it had been Heidi would have been alive.

He said that the jury should consider whether Mr Price was inadequate "or has he got a shrewd facility at times for making up stories".

The trial continues today.

Mrs Rosemary Koseda with her daughter Heidi

Husband in 'mercy killing' put on probation

A pensioner who strangled his chronically sick wife to end her suffering was put on probation for three years yesterday at the Central Criminal Court.

George Messenger, aged 68, a retired postman, of Wendover Road, Greenwich, south London, was told by Sir James Miskin QC: "Euthanasia will always be punished with imprisonment in this country unless; as in this case, your responsibility for the crime had been reduced to vanishing point."

Mr Anthony Glass, for the defence, said the couple, who had been married 40 years, had idiolized each other. But Mrs Yvonne Messenger, aged 70, a retired hospital worker, developed cardiac and thyroid problems and a disfiguring skin complaint.

Mr Messenger was "under terrible strain and torment, he became chronically depressed and had delusions, blaming himself for his wife's downfall."

Mr Messenger, admitted manslaughter. His plea of not guilty to murder on the grounds of diminished responsibility was accepted.

Satellite TV licence bid

Housing development in Andover, Hampshire, may be the sites for the first small cable television network in Britain with programmes supplied entirely by satellite.

IVS Enterprises, which was first to create a small commercial satellite television network in the rooms of the Mayfair Hotel in London, has applied to the new Cable Authority for a licence, and a new subsidiary, Andover Cablevision, would operate the network. About 3,200 homes would be offered up to 16 television channels, including a film channel, one devoted to music and others to news and sport.

Shell plan to help young start own firms

A scheme which gives young people the chance to beat unemployment and the frustration of dead-end jobs by working for themselves was launched nationally yesterday in London.

The "Livewire" scheme, which is sponsored by Shell (UK), has been operating regionally during the past four years, in which time it has involved about 2,200 people, some 200 of whom are now self-employed. Shell hopes that 5,000 will become involved in the national scheme, encouraged by £50,000 competition for the best business ideas.

One of the young entrepreneurs at the Barbican centre yesterday was Clive Roberts, aged 22, from Dalston, north London, who started a picture-framing business about a year ago after drifting in and out of casual jobs.

"Quite frankly, I would have been just another kid hanging about street corners if I had not decided to try and do something myself," he said.

Mr Roberts took advantage of community projects to learn picture-framing and then consulted the Livewire advisers. The scheme invites people aged between 16 and 25 to present ideas for self-employment, and, if they seem viable, provides advice to develop them.

Mr Roberts was taught book-keeping and marketing and, he said, his business is now prospering.

Shell started a pilot scheme in Strathclyde in 1982. Mr Henry Duwrose, who heads Shell's small business unit, said: "In Strathclyde, the unemployed were largely in our thinking and we soon discovered the scheme was a positive response to this problem."

Mr Paul Moran, Livewire's national co-ordinator, said he estimated about 50 per cent of applicants in previous years had been unemployed.

School's out at Tideway, where lessons end at lunchtime: (right) Miss Futej, who believes the early hours aid learning (Photographs: Chris Harris).

School's early-rise lessons win approval

The "continental" school day – starting at 8am and running until lunchtime – was given an overwhelming vote of approval by teachers, parents and children at the first school to introduce it in New Haven, East Sussex.

Despite a few complaints about getting up early, the children, their parents and teachers all agree the continental day means that they do more work, have more time for hobbies and sports, and avoid problems with transport.

They also feel that the children are safer because they would always go home in daylight.

Tideway school, a comprehensive with 1,400 pupils aged 11 to 18, introduced the school day starting at 8am and finishing at 2.15pm four years ago, initially because of problems of scheduling buses to pick children up late in the afternoon.

There was much opposition from East Sussex Education Authority Mr Ken Saxby, headmaster at the school for seven years said.

"There were fears that children would be falling asleep on their lessons, that children leaving school earlier would lead to increased vandalism and it was even suggested that free afternoons would increase the rate of gymslip pregnancies," he said.

The system was introduced on a trial basis, and none of the problems materialized. Parents and teachers voted after a year on whether it should continue.

The teachers were overwhelmingly in favour and 75 per cent of 1,100 parents who voted, voted for the continental system.

Mr Saxby believes that in addition to solving school transport problems the system benefits the pupils' work

"I think it is very important that youngsters should be able to develop interests outside school and by finishing at 2.15 they have plenty of time to do this."

The school's curriculum includes the usual eight 35-minute lessons, broken up with a 25-minute mid-morning break and three quarters of an hour for lunch at 12.20. School meals are provided for the 300 pupils who are entitled to them or want them, but most bring packed lunches.

"Lunchtimes are usually a terrible waste of time," Mr Saxby said. "They are far too long, the children don't know what to do with themselves and often wander around bored and wet."

"Our system is a much more efficient way of using manpower and resources," he said.

The school, usually vacant by 3pm is used as a community centre several afternoons in the week.

The teachers are also enthusiastic in their support for the system as they argue that children are far more receptive early in the morning.

"We have covered half of the curriculum before mid-morning," Miss Rosemarie Futej, aged 29, an art techer, said. "We are not faced with dozy two-hour periods after lunch which every child and teacher demands."

ILEA in £3m plan to solve lunchtime dispute

By Our Education Correspondent

An emergency £3 million plan to pay teachers to supervise children at midday lunch breaks has been rushed out by the Inner London Education Authority in response to the head teachers' proposals to close the capital's schools at lunchtime.

Mrs Frances Morrell, the Ilea leader, hopes that the plan, which went out for consultation yesterday, will persuade the heads to cancel their action.

But Mr David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said: "Since the plan may never get off the ground, or take weeks or months to happen, we will not call off our action.

"We need to be convinced that the £3 million package will lead to sufficient teachers of sufficient quality and in sufficient numbers to remove the pressure from our members this term."

The Inner London branch of the NAHT has decided that from next week schools should open from 9am to 1.15pm.

Volvo introduce new range of luxury estates

By Clifford Webb
Motoring Correspondent

Volvo, the Swedish car maker which dominates the large estate car market in Britain announced yesterday the introduction of a more spacious luxury model.

The new 700 Series estate based on the 700 saloon, goes on sale in Britain next week at prices ranging from £10,800 for the 740GL 2.3 litre, to £17,499 for the 760 Turbo Automatic. They are intended to combine the quiet luxury of an expensive saloon with load-carrying capability. With the rear seats in their normal position there is 40 cubic feet of luggage space.

Volvo's position as Europe's largest manufacturer of big estate cars – they account for one in three of its car production – has come under increasing attack in recent years. It is particularly vulnerable in Britain where its 240 estate range represents 35 per cent of all large estate cars bought.

Mr Dan Werbin, Volvo's head of product development, said yesterday: "The new model may well enable us to reach a consumer group who have not previously considered buying an estate car."

Farmer dies in stubble burning

Mr Mark Gretton, a farmer, aged 53, died in a blazing cornfield after he set out alone to burn off stubble.

His body was found when firemen were called to tackle the fire at Cosford Hall Farm, Hadleigh, Suffolk on Monday night. A post mortem examination was being held yesterday.

Surgeons save girl's nose

Surgeons in Edinburgh have saved the nose of Patricia Connelly, aged two, after the end was bitten off by a dog she patted on a shopping trip.

At his home in Kirkcaldy, Fife, Mr Joe Connelly, her father, said she may require two or three plastic surgery operations over the next few years.

Judge lifts detention order on Aids man

A judge in Manchester yesterday lifted a court order which prevented an Aids victim aged 29 from leaving hospital. The man was detained at Monsall Isolation Hospital after Manchester City Council obtained an order under section 38 of the Public Health (Control of Diseases) Act, 1984.

Mr Justice Russell said that the decision by magistrates to keep the man in hospital was a proper one, however, given the medical evidence

Mr Geoffrey Tattersall, for the council, said that the appeal against the decision was not opposed and the man's condition had improved "substantially". Although not required to do so, he had agreed to remain in hospital and to continue receiving treatment.

Asked whether the risk of contamination was now at an end, Mr Tattersall told the judge: "The evidence which I now have is such that I could not seek to justify his detention under section 38."

● Health officials are concerned that many people who may be at risk from Aids will try to donate blood just to have it tested for traces of the infection (Our Science Correspondent writes).

The National Blood Transfusion Service will begin screening donations for Aids antibodies next month. But the testing methods are not infallible and some contaminated blood might not be detected.

Dr David Wild, director of professional services for South West Thames Regional Health Authority, said yesterday: "If people who have the slightest reason to think they may be carrying the Aids antibodies deliberately give blood just to have it tested, the chances of someone else becoming infected will be very much higher."

He urged people who think they may be at risk to contact their general practitioner or to refer themselves to genito-urinary medicine clinics, which will also begin blood tests next month.

Tribute unveiled

A memorial to the three police officers killed in the Harrods bomb explosion in December 1983 was unveiled outside the store yesterday by Princess Alexandra.

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Police no longer exempt from public spending constraints, Hurd says

From Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent, Torquay

The police are no longer to be exempted from the fight against inflation, Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, told the Police Superintendents Association's annual conference in Torquay yesterday.

The police service has received a greater proportionate increase in resources than any other major public service. Over the past six years, Mr Hurd said, police manpower had risen by more than 12,000 and spending from £1,100 million to £2,800 million a year – an increase of a third in real terms.

Mr Hurd, who has been receiving complaints from the association that new bureaucratic laws would take officers off the streets, told the conference: "I see no prospect of a general loosening of the purse strings which would enable us to transform the difficulties which you mention by fresh spending. We know that strict control of public spending is a condition for the restraint of inflation."

Supt Anthony Parkes, the association's president said that the police and Criminal Evidence Act would take officers off the streets. Custody officers with new duties had to be found and complicated new paperwork for prisoners would take about three times as much time.

More time would be needed for documentation on new arrangements under the Prosecution of Offences Act. Superintendents also feared that pressure to hasten inquiries would require more officers so that deadlines could be met, Supt Parkes said.

Senior police officers have to write letters to complaining members of the public explaining why they cannot meet public expectations in the policing of their communities in the manner that the police themselves would wish. They explain their lack of resources. They do it loyally. They do it regularly."

The government chose to ignore a warning a year ago about the weight of legislation. "We tell you that the position is worse now than it was twelve months ago. Ignore us at your peril," Supt Parkes said.

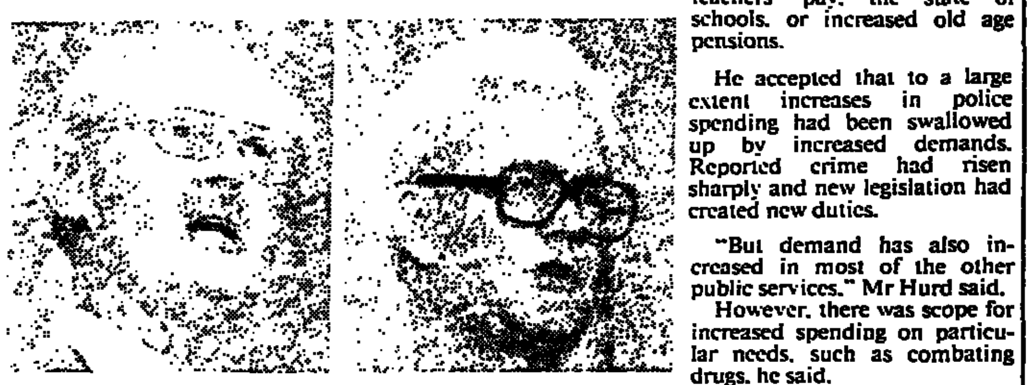
Financial arrangements for mutual aid during the miners' strike were a disaster, although it was an outstanding operational success, he said.

Mr Hurd, who acknowledged that resources had been a recurring theme in discussions in the past few weeks," said that MPs also received letters about the need for more nurses, teachers' pay, the state of schools, or increased old age pensions.

He accepted that to a large extent increases in police spending had been swallowed up by increased demands. Reported crime had risen sharply and new legislation had created new duties.

"But demand has also increased in most of the other public services," Mr Hurd said.

However, there was scope for increased spending on particular needs, such as combating drugs, he said.



Supt Parkes (left) and Mr Hurd addressing the police conference yesterday.

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Magistrate to continue fight to be reinstated

A magistrate, dismissed for joining a Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament demonstration outside her court, lost the first round of a High Court battle to be reinstated yesterday.

Mrs Kathleen Cripps was the first person to challenge in the courts the removal of a magistrate. She asked Mr Justice Mann for permission to seek judicial review of the Lord Chancellor's decision to remove her from office.

In refusing her leave the judge said that in his judgement, deciding the case on its merits only, the Lord Chancellor was perfectly entitled to have concluded that her actions had brought the magistracy into disrepute.

Now Mrs Cripps, aged 49, a £4,000-a-year health worker, says she could face bankruptcy over the estimated £3,000 costs of the action.

But she says she is considering taking her case to the Court of Appeal and even to Europe. She said: "I am bitterly disappointed. I thought we had a very good case. My belief in British justice has been shaken by today's hearing."

Mrs Cripps, of Canonfields, Hathersage, Sheffield, had been a magistrate at Bakewell Magistrates Court, Derbyshire, since 1980. In 1983 she joined the CND and in June last year took part in a demonstration outside the court in support of an elderly friend who refused to pay a £25 fine for obstruction at the Greenham Common camp.

The County Advisory Committee recommended that her actions had damaged the integrity and impartiality of the magistracy and brought it into question in the public mind. She was removed from office in May this year.

The judge rejected her challenge to the evidence on which Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone based his decision. He said she had failed to give acceptable undertakings concerning her future conduct, and the Lord Chancellor was entitled to reach the conclusion he did.

Outside court Mrs Cripps, who is being supported by the National Council for Civil Liberties, said: "My protest was not directed against the court, but was a statement of my beliefs. I understood magistrates were representatives of the normal people. That is what I am and that was how I behaved. I did what I did in good faith, assuming I had the rights of a normal citizen."

M Chirac receiving a garland of flowers as a Melanesian arm is raised in greeting in Nouméa.

French right vies to woo Nouméa settlers

Noumea (Reuter) – M Jacques Chirac, the former French prime minister, and other French conservatives brought their campaign against President Mitterrand's Socialist government to the South Pacific yesterday, backing white settlers fighting plans to give independence to New Caledonia.

M Chirac, president of the Gaullist RPR party, M François Leotaro, of the centrist UDF, and others received a rapturous welcome in Nouméa, the staunchly loyalist capital.

But they had to take care to avoid being upstaged by another visitor from Paris, the controversial leader of the far-right National Front, M Jean-Marie le Pen.

M Chirac switched planes at short notice so as to avoid having to share a Paris-Noumea flight with M le Pen, whose anti-immigration rhetoric is condemned by most Opposition parties.

Even so, the two groups arrived within a few minutes, and the local Gaullist administration had to bring M Chirac and M Leotard into town by helicopter to ensure that they arrived first.

Anti-independence forces took much of the limelight, five days before regional elections widely seen as a referendum on France's plan to hand back New Caledonia.

But the separatists struck a propaganda blow, broadcasting a message by one of their leaders, M Jean-Marc Tjibaou, calling on Melanesian militants "to build a nation great with liberty and warm with fraternity."

M Chirac made no public statement at the noisy welcoming ceremonies and went into private consultations with loyalist leaders.

Security was tight throughout the territory, with about 3,000 riot police and gendarmes deployed. More than 20 people have been killed in clashes between Melanesians and French settlers.

Alfonsin using tour success to boost Falklands support

From Douglas Tweedale, Buenos Aires

Argentina is hoping to reap the first diplomatic fruits from President Raul Alfonsin's just completed three-nation European tour in coming weeks at the UN General Assembly in New York.

On Monday, the foreign minister, Señor Dante Caputo, told the UN that a surprise meeting between Señor Alfonsin and the Labour Party leader, Mr Neil Kinnock, in Paris last week was "clear proof that we are not in conflict with a nation but with a government" over the disputed Falklands Islands.

The meeting between Señor Alfonsin and Mr Kinnock, arranged in secrecy with help from European social democratic leaders, was the highlight of a a nine-day trip in which the Argentine leader visited Yugoslavia, West Germany and France.

The primary purpose of Señor Alfonsin's trip was to promote Argentine exports and to try to attract new foreign investment to his country's cash-starved economy. But the meeting with Mr Kinnock was a success for Argentina's diplomacy on the Falklands issue, and will further Argentine efforts to portray Mrs Thatcher as an intransicent leader ever more isolated from the British public.

According to Argentine diplomats, Señor Caputo's speech was just the first step in a massive lobbying campaign to gather support for a resolution that would call on Britain to negotiate the future of the islands and condemn the survival of a "colonial system" there. The Foreign Minister was to spend all of this week meeting diplomats and foreign ministers of more than 40 nations attending the annual UN General Assembly.

The Argentine resolution at the UN has become an annual contest for votes between British and Argentina, with Argentina trying to woo supporters and British diplomacy urging its allies to abstain when the resolution is voted. Last year, a mildly-worded resolution on the Falklands received 89 votes in favour, nine against and 54 abstentions, and Argentina is hoping to at least maintain that level of support.

Señor Alfonsin reportedly tried to convince President Mitterand of France to break European Community solidarity with Britain and switch France's vote from an abstention to a favourable vote, but had little success.

Officials here say the economic benefits of Señor Alfonsin's trip may be more lasting than the diplomatic successes or failures.

The Argentine leader was accompanied by an 80-man delegation, which included Economy Minister Juan Sourrouille and 23 top businessmen, who took advantage of the trip to let Argentina expound its views on the injustice of the Latin American debt and to make contacts which could bring new investment

The aim of boosting Argentine exports to Europe was somewhat undermined by the European Community's decision last week to boost subsidies to meat and grain exporters, But Argentine officials said they won French supportfor a request to be allowed to use meat export quota unused by the US.

Argentina and France signed an agreement to boost economic cooperation between the two countries during Señor Alfonsin's visit to Paris, and the German Government supported new economic austerity plan and committed $90 million (£63 million) in fresh credit for investment.

Opposition politicians here have criticized Señor Alfonsin for the trip, saying it was costly and unproductive. Administration officials defend themselves saying the benefits will come with increased foreign investment for the future.

Campaign on sovereignty

New York – Argentina opened its campaign in the UN to win support on the Falklands with a renewed call to Britain to negotiate on sovereignty (Zoriana Pysariwsky writes).

Senor Dante Caputo, the Argentine Foreign Minister, accused Britain of colonialism in refusing to discuss sovereignty. He urged the international community, particularly Western allies, to pressure Britain to change its mind.

He said he hoped Anglo-Argentine relations could return to normal. But that depended on Britain agreeing to include the issue on the agenda. The intransigence would only hurt Britain in the long run.

Solicitors to boycott duty scheme

A group of solicitors has voted to boycott in its present form the new duty solicitor scheme intended to provide suspects in police custody with round-the-clock legal advice.

Mr Stephen Gerlis, a spokesman for the West London Duty Solicitor committee, which represents more than 1,000 solicitors, said the decision meant that the scheme would not come into operation in a large area of London on January 1 as planned.

The decision is a set-back for the Law Society, which said before the meeting it was optimistic that problems over payments to solicitors taking part in the scheme would be resolved at a meeting with the Government on Friday.

After voting to reject the scheme, the committee agreed to ask local law societies to come up with other proposals.

Mr Gerlis described the hourly rates of £27 during the day and £36 at night, proposed for solicitors called out under the scheme, as "derisory".

He gave a warning that unless rates were improved a pilot scheme due to start in south-west London on October 7 could be called off as a result of solicitors refusing to take part.

Mr David Edwards, deputy general secretary of the Law Society, said that there were problems to be solved, particularly in London, but he believed they could be overcome after further discussion. The society remained committed to implementing the scheme before January 1.

Labour pledges curb on farm buildings

By Hugh Clayton, Local Government Correspondent

The next Labour government would end farmers' rights to put up buildings without planning permission, Dr John Cunningham, Opposition spokesman on the environment, said yesterday.

Their present freedom from controls had led to abuses in which large sheds and even homes had been built in unspoiled countryside against the wishes of local people.

"Agriculture is one of the industries having one of the most malign effects on the environment," Dr Cunningham said, launching a Labour paper on environment policies. He said that the party intended to extend planning controls and protect Green Belts

He outlined policies to be included in a more detailed paper next year, but they would not include land nationalization.

The party wanted planning controls to cover forestry, and Dr Cunningham favoured "a bloody big shake-up" for the Forestry Commission.

Dr David Clark, the party's parliamentary spokesman on the natural environment, said that farmers might even be required to tell their local councils when they wanted to grub out hedges.

Most computers 'foreign-made'

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

A fifth of the companies competing in the British microcomputer market a year ago have withdrawn and have been replaced largely by agents selling foreign products, the National Computing Centre claims.

The change in the British supply market over the year has meant that less than a third of all microcomputers and related equipment on sale in Britain is British made, according to the centre's latest market survey.

The failures have occurred in almost every area of microcomputer supply. The failure rate was 18 per cent among equipment (hardware) suppliers, 20 per cent among those supplying computer programs (software) and 36 per cent among those offering training.

The study shows that the market is still price sensitive and that price wars would continue in the near future.

The high number of failures in the market is no surprise since the competition in the past 12 months has become intense. In the period when one in five suppliers withdrew from the market, the number of suppliers increased by 40 per cent. The centre also says the software market is overcrowded, and needs a shake-out.

The main area of growth is in supplying equipment attached to microcomputers,

● A third of the British companies which have converted their product designs and manufacturing techniques to include electronics are employing more people, and only one in 20 is employing fewer.

The conclusions have emerged from a study of the £50 million government sponsored electronic support programme for industry,

The survey, conducted by the Policy Studies Institute for the government showed that small firms – some employing fewer than 20 people were beneficiaries of the scheme.

Promoting Innovation: Microelectronics Applications Projects (MAP), PSI 100 Park Village East, London NW1 3SR (£10).

China offers to open its atom plants

From Richard Bassett
Vienna

In a move which surprised many delegates at the twenty-ninth session of the general conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna, China yesterday offered to place some of its civilian nuclear installations under IAEA safeguards.

Mr Zhou Ping, head of the Chinese delegation, said the inspections would follow at an appropriate time after China had had consultations with the agency on the matter.

Mr Ping emphasized China's faith in what he called active international cooperation in the peaceful utilization of nuclear energy. In his speech he insisted that China's was a peaceloving country pursuing a foreign policy of peace. The decision to open certain nuclear installations to inspection was, he said, in line with this.

A spokesman for the IAEA said the agency was delighted with China's decision, which came only a few weeks after the opening first inspection of civilian nuclear installations in the Soviet Union.

In a speech opening the conference, the agency's Director-General, Dr Hans Blix, told delegates that despite environmentalists' fears, the total installed nuclear capacity in the world had increased during 1984 by 17 per cent.

Thirty-four new nuclear power units had been installed in 13 countries.

The agency had no reason to express any glee, Dr Blix said, over the failure of many so-called alternative sources of energy. But the panacea predicted by opponents of nuclear power had not been forthcoming.

Deng's men in top party posts

Military left out of Politburo

From Mary Lee, Peking

The newly rejuvenated Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party yesterday elected six new members to the Politburo, but left out the new generation of military leaders. Diplomats here expressed surprise over the small number of new Politburo members as the 10 seats vacated last week were expected to be filled.

The new Politburo members, aged between 56 and 68, meet the party's requirement of having younger and better educated leaders. All but two deputy prime ministers, Mr Tian Jiyun, aged 56, and Mr Yao Yilin, aged 68, have a higher educational background and even they have played a key role in the recent economic reforms. The other four members are deputy prime minister, Mr Li Peng, aged 57, the Foreign Minister, Mr Wu Xueqian, aged 64, Mr Hu Qili, aged 56, and Mr Qiao Shi, aged 60, the head of the party's organization department.

Mr Yao was the only one of three alternate members promoted to full membership of the Politburo. Mr Chen Muhua, aged 65, the president of the People's Bank of China, remains an alternate member. With the resignation of Mr Deng Ying Chao, aged 81, last week, the Politburo is now all-male.

Diplomats here were surprised that none of the recently-appointed and younger heads of military regions were elected to fill the places vacated by the octagenarian marshals and other elderly military leaders. The only military men and surviving heroes of the Long March in the Politburo are Mr Yang Shangkun, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission, Mr Yang Dezhi, Chief of the People's Liberation Army's General Staff, and Mr Yu Qili, director of the Army's general political department and also a member of the Military Commission. They are all in their seventies and closely identified with Mr Deng Xiaoping, China's elder statesman.

The new politburo line-up is now strongly pro Deng except for veteran economic planners, Mr Chen Yun, aged 80 and Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Yao.

Also noteworthy were the new appointments to the Secretariat, the executive arm of the Central Committee. Of the five new members, three - Mr Qiao, Mr Tian and Mr Li - are new Politburo members, while Mr Hao Jianxiu, aged 50, was promoted from alternate membership and Mr Wang Zhaoguo, aged 44, is the youngest rising star in the party bureaucracy.

Mr Deng Liqun, aged 70, who was replaced as head of the Propaganda Department last July, remains in the Secretariat despite expectation that he would be ousted in this reshuffle.

Instead, three others have left - Mr Xi Zhongxun, aged 72, Mr Gu Mu, aged 71, and Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Yao. Some analysts here said Mr Xi's departure from the Secretariat is surprising as he is reputed to play a strong backroom role in policy-making.

China rejuvenated ruling Politburo includes among its newly appointed members (from left to right) Mr Tian Jiyun, Mr Wang Zhaoguo, Mr Hu Qili and Mr Li Peng.

Public schools: 3

Adapting new ways without really changing

Claims that the public schools have undergone a minor revolution since the 1950s are challenged by a new piece of research which says that boys still face uncomfortable living conditions, a philistine environment and homosexuality. In the third and final part of a series, LUCY HODGES, Education Correspondent, examines the evidence.

The public school of 1985 is supposed to be modern, to produce a "relevant" education, packed with science and computer studies, and to have abandoned the old practices of bullying and sadism, corporal punishment and fagging.

But has it? A new piece of research from Mr Geoffrey Walford, an academic in the social and technology policy division of Aston University, suggests that public schools have not so much changed as adapted to new circumstances and in the process kept many of their old ways. The lavatories will now have doors, he says, but the multiple bathed bathroom and lines of open basins may still remain. "The revolution is a revolution in chains", he concludes in a recent paper given to the British Educational Research Association.

His research, which appears calculated to irritate the public school headmasters meeting today on the second day of their annual conference in Oxford, is based on "ethnographic" data collected in 1982 and 1983 in two of the main public boarding schools. Mr Walford spent one month in the first school and a whole term in the second. His research methods were formal and informal interviews, "structured and unstructured observation of various aspects of school life, document analysis and life history analysis".

His paper sets out to examine the 10 myths about public schools which Dr John Rae, retiring head master of Westminster School, said should be debunked back in the 1960s. Some are indeed simply myths, he says. Others contain an element of truth.

One so-called myth is that public schools have barbaric living conditions. There is still something in that, says Mr Walford. Younger boys remain in dormitories which can be somewhat spartan and cold in winter. "With continued lack of privacy, uncomfortable beds, public washing facilities, and sometimes even communal bathrooms, it is small wonder that many of the pupils look forward to returning home at the end of term for rest and 'a bit of luxury' ", he says.

These claims are totally rejected by the headmasters. Dr Rae said the vast majority of public schools provided comfortable accommodation nowadays – some would say too comfortable – and it was centrally heated. But bathrooms often did contain rows of basins, as one might expect in a boarding house accommodating large numbers of boys.

Mr Bruce McGowan, headmaster of Haberdashers' Aske's School in Hertfordshire and the present chairman of the Headmasters' Conference, was more forthright. Mr Walford was misinformed, he said. "He is not up to date. I have been involved in boarding schools for 36 years. I have seen an enormous change in that time, not only in the physical side of facilities but also in the atmosphere of boarding schools.

"Beds are not lumpy, many have duvets, and the rigours of cold baths and unhygienic washing facilities are things of the past. We have all encouraged one another to bring standards up. It has been a highly beneficial form of mutual competition."

More controversially, though perhaps not surprisingly, Mr Walford says that sexual activity between boys occurs in public schools. In a questionnaire he asked pupils to tick which of 18 attributes they thought being at the school promoted. Homosexuality was ticked by about 18 per cent of pupils, way below "the habit of working thoroughly", "concern for other people" and "self-reliance and independence". But it scored about the same as "Christian life and values," "frustration" and "snobbery".

Extrapolating from the 9 per cent of men classifying themselves as homosexual (the Hite Report), Mr Walford concludes that a school of 600 boys would be expected to have 50 or so such boys. Dr Rae said that the issue of homosexuality rarely arose in the public schools but he acknowledged that heads would be the last people to know about its occurrence. "He is probably right in the general sense that at a full boarding school sexual relations between boys is likely to occur. Equally the older/younger boy syndrome is probably very rare and permanent damage, I would guess, is the exception," Dr Rae said.

He took more seriously Mr Walford's observations about the philistinism of today's public school boy. Mr Walford said there was a danger of philistinism from an increasingly materialistic outlook. Dr Rae thought this was true, but was perhaps not such a bad thing. Mr McGowan commented that society as a whole had become rather materialistic.

"There are plenty in it who take an individualistic rather than a corporate view of the world", he said. Materialism was not particularly conspicuous in the public schools.

Another point on which Dr Rae agreed with Mr Walford was that the public schools tended to have established special relationships with Oxford and Cambridge and were therefore at an advantage compared with the state sector. That was correct, Dr Rae, said, and there was nothing wrong with that.

In conclusion, it appears that the public schools have changed in some ways but not in others. There is known, for example, to be increasing concern among some heads about the degree of stealing in their schools, and some are openly talking now about drug problems.

Mr Chris Turner, head of Stowe, says drug-taking is a problem, more so in the urban day schools than in rural boarding schools. At present it concerns soft drugs, cannabis smoking, but that could change.

"Nationally there are far more drugs around in the holidays and at teenage parties", he said.

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Soviet help sought on Cambodia

From Paul Routledge
Singapore

Leaders of South-East Asian countries are seeking Soviet support for a new peace initiative to hasten the end of Vietnam's seven-year occupation of Cambodia.

Mr Siddhi Savetslia, Foreign Minister of Thailand, the key "front-line" state in the region is to have informal talks with Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, his Soviet counterpart, on the issue.

The meeting, to be held in New York on the fringe of the 40th General Assembly of the United Nations, is said to be at the request of the Soviet Union.

The six member states of the Association of South-East Asian Nations set much store by the talks, the first contact with the Russians at such a high level.

Asean diplomats hope that Mr Shevardnadze will take on board some of the arguments of the non-communist countries in the region, and put discreet pressure on Hanoi to accelerate withdrawal of its estimated 170,000 troops still in Cambodia to facilitate a political settlement.

In advance of the informal meeting, there is more optimism than expectation, based on a sober assessment that the Soviet Union cannot publicly be seen to lean on its closest ally in Asia, whose economic and military spending it bankrolls to the tune of more than £800 million a year.

But Moscow's invitation to the Asean country most affected by the conflict in Cambodia is regarded as a sign that it wants a more postive role in South-East Asian affairs.

News of the Savetsila-Shevardnadze meeting comes amid renewed clashes yesterday just inside Cambodia between the Khmer Rouge and government troops. Seven Vietnamese mortar bombs landed inside Thailand.

Mr Dith Munty, the Deputy Foreign Minister of the Heng Smarin government in Phnom Penh, yesterday set a two-year deadline for a political solution.

Polisario rebels admit attacks on Spanish ships

Madrid (Reuter) – Spain is seeking the prompt return of six fishermen captured by Polisario Front guerrillas in weekend attacks in which a naval petty officer and a fisherman died off the coast of the Western Sahara.

The guerrillas who are fighting Morocco for an independent Western Sahara, admitted to Spanish news media yesterday that they mistook the trawler Junquito, which they sank, for a Moroccan vessel and fired at the patrol boat Tagomago.

They called the attacks "an unfortunate incident in a war zone".

French secret service officers identified as source of press leaks

From Diana Geddes, Paris

As speculation grew here yesterday over who was ultimately responsible for the order to sink the Greenpeace boat Rainbow Warrior, two French secret service agents were identified as the source of some of the most important leaks to the press concerning the affair.

One of the two officers, named as Captain Borras, is said to have confessed after a long investigation by the internal police of the DGSE, the French foreign intelligence service. The other officer has yet to be named.

It was Captain Borras who is said to have revealed that there was a third team of secret agents operating in New Zealand, who were responsible for planting the limpet mines which blew up the boat. He is also said to have revealed the names of the two men involved, thereby putting their lives in danger.

Meanwhile, *Le Monde*, which first published details about an alleged third team, repeated yesterday its conviction that neither President Mitterrand nor M Laurent Fabius, the Prime Minister, was involved in any way, and suggested that the order for the attack probably came from M Charles Hernu, the newly dismissed Defence Minister, with the full knowledge of General Jeannou Lacaze, commander-in-chief of the French armed forces at the time, and General Jean Saulnier, then M Mitterrand's chief military aide and now commander-in-chief of the armed forces.

The paper quotes M Bernard Tricot, the Gaullist author of the now discredited official report, as firmly dismissing the latest press allegations, said to come from "very highly placed sources close to the Ministry of Defence", according to which M Fabius knew about the affair from the beginning.

"If there is one place, which is totally outside the whole affair, it is the Hotel Matignon" (the Prime Minister's office), M Tricot is quoted as saying.

Other Gaullists are not so convinced, however. M Claude Labbé, president of the Gaullist RPR group in the National Assembly, announced yesterday that the party would not participate in the all-party parliamentary committee of inquiry, which M Fabius said on Sunday would be set up to investigate the scandal.

The RPR wanted "to hear the political authorities and, in the first place, the Prime Minister... explain himself before the relevant parliamentary committees or before the whole assembly," M Labbé said.

Explaining the Gaullists' refusal to take part in a committee of inquiry, he said they believed that under present conditions such a committee "would help destabilize totally the secret services and, for us, it is not right that this affair should be brought out into the open in the presence of the Communist Party, whose trustworthiness does not seem to be assured".

The other main opposition party, the centre-right UDF, has indicated that it would be prepared to take part. M Jean-Claude Gaudin, president of the UDF in the assembly said: "We have nothing to hide". He agreed with M Labbé, however, that the Prime Minister should first come before Parliament to explain himself.

M Fabius is to appear on television tonight for his normal quarter-hour "chat show", when he will find it difficult to avoid making some comment on Greenpeace.

Le Figaro, the leading right-wing newspaper, yesterday launched a vigorous personal attack against M Fabius. "It is now clear that M Fabius is lying", the paper said bluntly in a front-page editorial. "He has known perfectly since the very beginning what has gone on in Auckland....

"How much longer is this farce to go on? . . . One can deceive some of the people some of the time, but not all the people all of the time. . . . Already heads have rolled. But the true culprits are to be found higher up. Why should they be spared?"

A medical student, José Juan Hernandez Cruz, aged 24, is rescued after nearly 100 hours buried under the rubble of a Mexico City hospital wrecked by the earthquake.

Marilyn Monroe's final farewell

Washington (AFP) – Marilyn Monroe had been mentally depressed the day she was found dead because 20th Century Fox has cancelled her acting contract, according to a police file on her death made public yesterday.

Mr Peter Lawford, the actor who died recently, talked with her the day she died and told police about their last conversation.

Mr Lawford said she told him in slurred voice to "say goodbye to Jack (President Kennedy)" and added: "Goodbye to yourself because you're a nice guy."

She died from an overdose of sleeping pills, according to the official record.

Deaths follow rescue

Earthquake victims face double peril

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

Even when they have been dug free from the ruins, the ordeal of Mexico City's injured survivors is by no means over.

Saved once, they have to be saved a second time in hospital. Already, however, half those rescued have died, according to the Health Ministry.

Earthquakes demolish many medical yardsticks. A two-day old baby, naked and starving, was hardly scratched when rescuers found it after 48 hours intombment on Monday. But another baby lay dead beside it.

"We have seen cases of babies who seem more able to survive than adults," said Dr Jorge Muñoz, a surgeon.

Doctors who attended a world congress on emergency and disaster medicine in Brighton last June were told of cases of earthquake victims surviving burial for a week or more, only to die within hours of being found.

Half the 1,000 injured in the Italian town of St Angelo di Lombardi in 1980 died from their injuries, in addition to the 900 killed.

Infection of open wounds, internal crushing injuries and dust inhalation were among the main causes of death among hundreds rescued from an earthquake in Huaras, in central Peru, in 1970.

In the Peruvian and Italian disasters, however, some survivors were found almost unscathed after five or seven days trapped in the debris of collapsed buildings. In the Tangshan earthquake in north-east China in 1976, in which 248,000 were killed, some victims survived up to two weeks before rescue.

Beyond immediate hospital care, many victims face psychiatric problems, experts say, including "survivor guilt" and "compensation neurosis."

Singing stars to join television appeal

Los Angeles (Reuter) – Opera star, Placico Domingo, singer Julio Iglesias and Mexican comedian-actor, Candinflas, will be in a 12-hour internationally televised fund-rasier on Sunday for victims of the Mexican earthquake.

Los Angeles officials and a local Spanish-language television station said last night that the city's ninth annual Street Scene Festival had been converted into a "Live Aid"-type concert that would be broadcast in the United States, Europe and Latin America.

Mr Danny Villanueva, the president of the television station, said the three had agreed to appear on the show through satellite links.

Proceeds from the show, called "Mexico... Estamos Contigo" ("Mexico... We're With You"), would go to the Red Cross, he said.

"The plan right now calls for a telethon from 9am to 9pm on Sunday," he said.

Lange cool to apology by Fabius

From A Correspondent
Wellington

The New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr David Lange, has described a message of regret by M Laurent Fabius, his counterpart, over the Rainbow Warrior affair "a very limited apology".

"It is not an expression for the act or its consequences", he said yesterday.

Mr Fabius's message was conveyed on Monday by the French Ambassador to New Zealand, M Jacques Bourgoin.

Mr Fabius said that he was deeply sorry that the July 10 sinking of the Greenpeace ship by French agents in New Zealand waters had affected relations between New Zealand and France.

Mr Lange gave his own interpretation: "He is heart-broken that this affairhad consequences onthe relations between New Zealand and France. But he does not address himself to the actual destruction or loss of life.

"It seems that this is a very preliminary expression – it is in the nature of a tender of an assurance that France wants to see the relationship with New Zealand get back to proper equilibrium.

"That will involved questions of reparation and atonement", he said.

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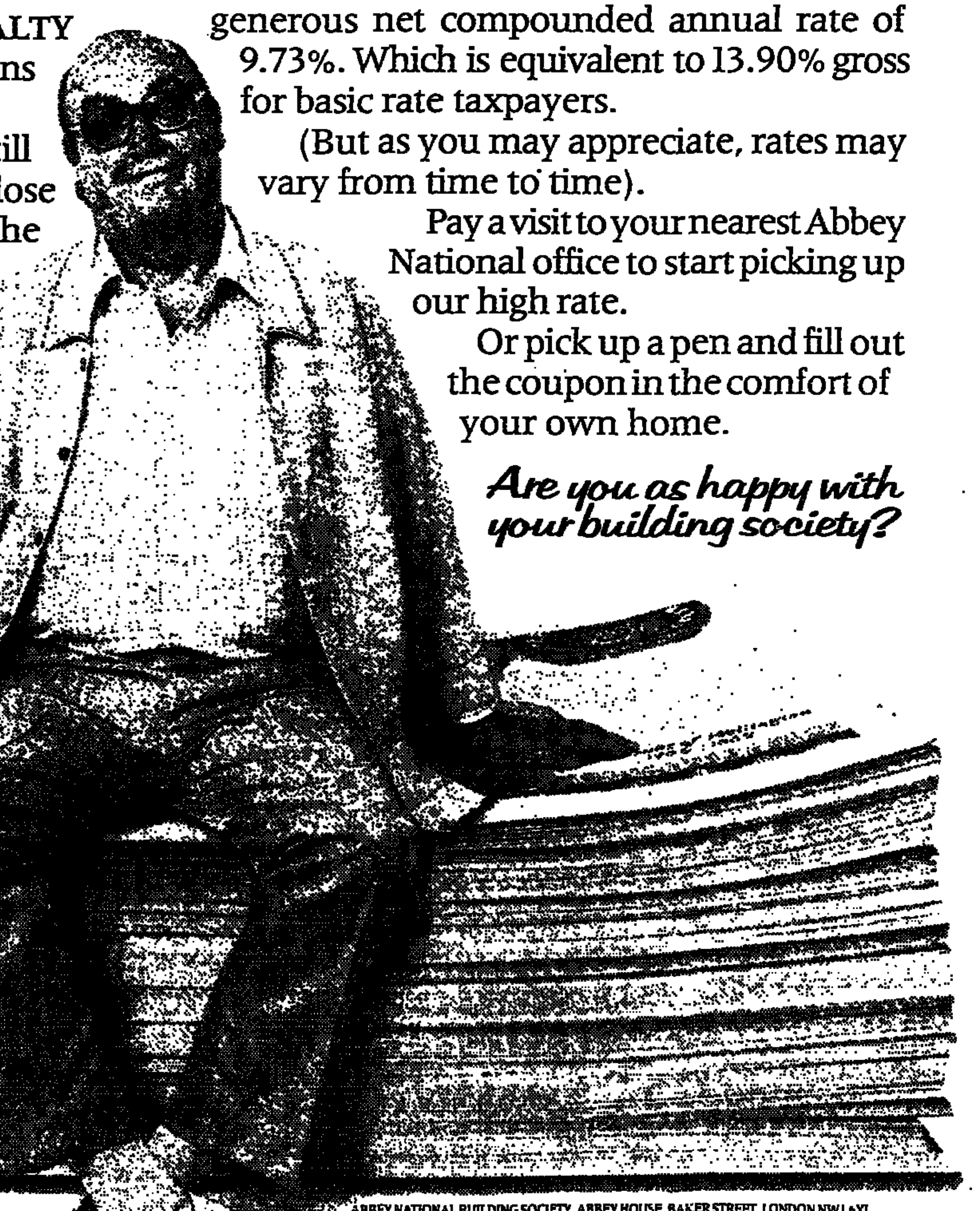

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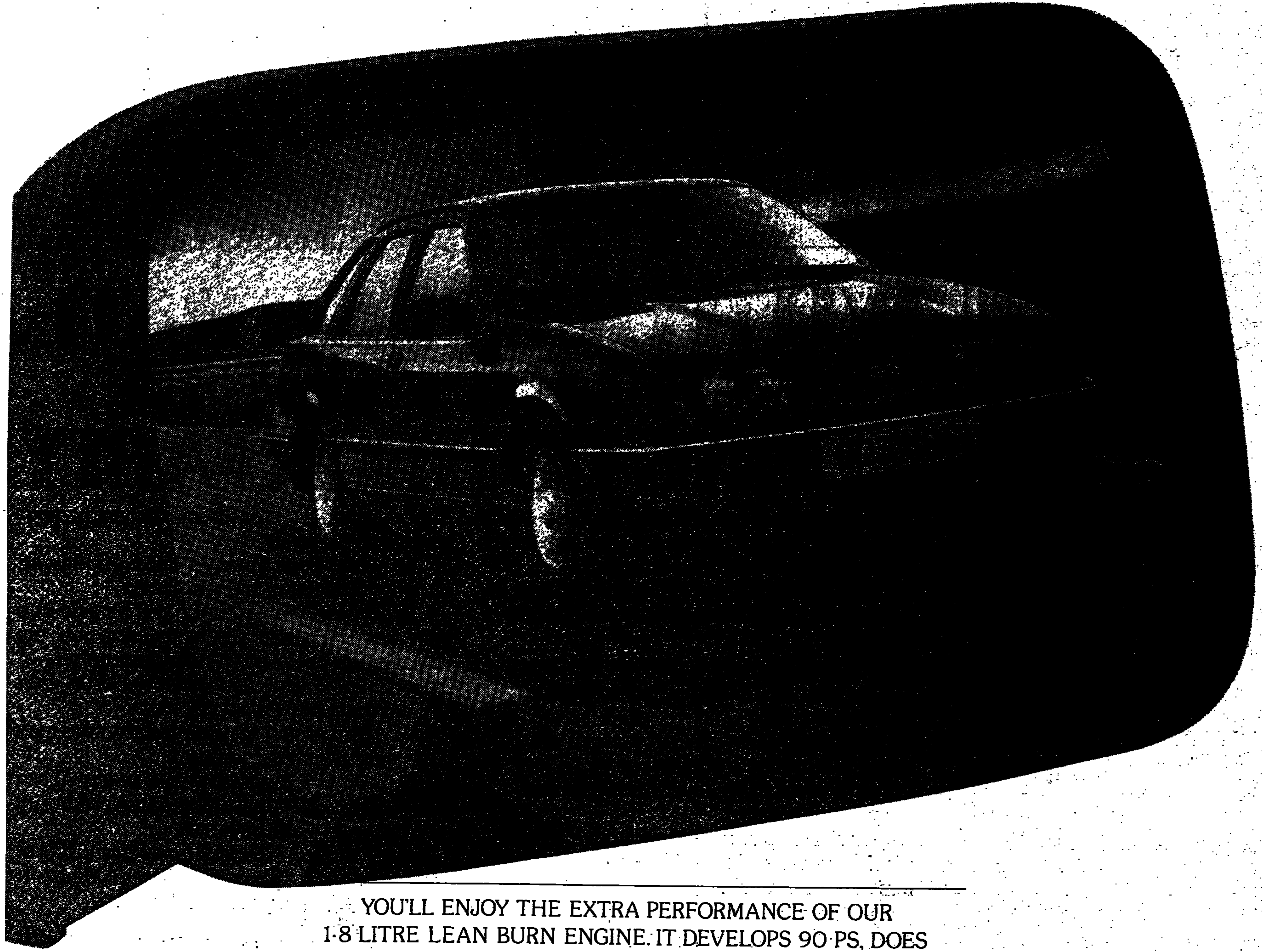

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French secret service officers identified as source of press leaks

From Diana Geddes, Paris

As speculation grew here yesterday over who was ultimately responsible for the order to sink the Greenpeace boat Rainbow Warrior, two French secret service agents were identified as the source of some of the most important leaks to the press concerning the affair.

One of the two officers, named as Captain Borras, is said to have confessed after a long investigation by the internal police of the DGSE, the French foreign intelligence service. The other officer has yet to be named.

It was Captain Borras who is said to have revealed that there was a third team of secret agents operating in New Zealand, who were responsible for planting the limpet mines which blew up the boat. He is also said to have revealed the names of the two men involved, thereby putting their lives in danger.

Meanwhile, *Le Monde*, which first published details about an alleged third team, repeated yesterday its conviction that neither President Mitterrand nor M Laurent Fabius, the Prime Minister, was involved in any way, and suggested that the order for the attack probably came from M Charles Hernu, the newly dismissed Defence Minister, with the full knowledge of General Jeannou Lacaze, commander-in-chief of the French armed forces at the time, and General Jean Saulnier, then M Mitterrand's chief military aide and now commander-in-chief of the armed forces.

The paper quotes M Bernard Tricot, the Gaullist author of the now discredited official report, as firmly dismissing the latest press allegations, said to come from "very highly placed sources close to the Ministry of Defence", according to which M Fabius knew about the affair from the beginning.

"If there is one place, which is totally outside the whole affair, it is the Hotel Matignon" (the Prime Minister's office), M Tricot is quoted as saying.

Other Gaullists are not so convinced, however. M Claude Labbé, president of the Gaullist RPR group in the National Assembly, announced yesterday that the party would not participate in the all-party parliamentary committee of inquiry, which M Fabius said on Sunday would be set up to investigate the scandal.

The RPR wanted "to hear the political authorities and, in the first place, the Prime Minister . . . explain himself before the relevant parliamentary committees or before the whole assembly," M Labbé said.

Explaining the Gaullists' refusal to take part in a committee of inquiry, he said they believed that under present conditions such a committee "would help destabilize totally the secret services and, for us, it is not right that this affair should be brought out into the open in the presence of the Communist Party, whose trustworthiness does not seem to be assured".

The other main opposition party, the centre-right UDF, has indicated that it would be prepared to take part. M Jean-Claude Gaudin, president of the UDF in the assembly said: "We have nothing to hide". He agreed with M Labbé, however, that the Prime Minister should first come before Parliament to explain himself.

M Fabius is to appear on television tonight for his normal quarter-hour "chat show", when he will find it difficult to avoid making some comment on Greenpeace.

Le Figaro, the leading right-wing newspaper, yesterday launched a vigorous personal attack against M Fabius. "It is now clear that M Fabius is lying", the papaer said bluntly in a front-page editorial. "He has known perfectly since the very beginning what has gone on in Auckland. . . .

"How much longer is this farce to go on? . . . One can deceive some of the people some of the time, but not all the people all of the time. . . . Already heads have rolled. But the true culprits are to be found higher up. Why should they be spared?"

A medical student, José Juan Hernandez Cruz, aged 24, is rescued after nearly 100 hours buried under the rubble of a Mexico City hospital wrecked by the earthquake.

Marilyn Monroe's final farewell

Washington (AFP) – Marilyn Monroe had been mentally depressed the day she was found dead because 20th Century Fox has cancelled her acting contract, according to a police file on her death made public yesterday.

Mr Peter Lawford, the actor who died recently, talked with her the day she died and told police about their last conversation.

Mr Lawford said she told him in slurred voice to "say goodbye to Jack (President Kennedy)" and added: "Goodbye to yourself because you're a nice guy."

She died from an overdose of sleeping pills, according to the official record.

Deaths follow rescue

Earthquake victims face double peril

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

Even when they have been dug free from the ruins, the ordeal of Mexico City's injured survivors is by no means over.

Saved once, they have to be saved a second time in hospital. Already, however, half those rescued have died, according to the Health Ministry.

Earthquakes demolish many medical yardsticks. A two-day old baby, naked and starving, was hardly scratched when rescuers found it after 48 hours intombment on Monday. But another baby lay dead beside it.

"We have seen cases of babies who seem more able to survive than adults," said Dr Jorge Muñoz, a surgeon.

Doctors who attended a world congress on emergency and disaster medicine in Brighton last June were told of cases of earthquake victims surviving burial for a week or more, only to die within hours of being found.

Half the 1,000 injured in the Italian town of St Angelo di Lombardi in 1980 died from their injuries, in addition to the 900 killed.

Infection of open wounds, internal crushing injuries and dust inhalation were among the main causes of death among hundreds rescued from an earthquake in Huaras, in central Peru, in 1970.

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Beyond immediate hospital care, many victims face psychiatric problems, experts say, including "survivor guilt" and "compensation neurosis."

Singing stars to join television appeal

Los Angeles (Reuter) – Opera star, Placico Domingo, singer Julio Iglesias and Mexican comedian-actor, Candinflas, will be in a 12-hour internationally televised fund-rasier on Sunday for victims of the Mexican earthquake.

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Mr Danny Villanueva, the president of the television station, said the three had agreed to appear on the show through satellite links.

Proceeds from the show, called "Mexico . . . Estamos Contigo" ("Mexico . . . We're With You"), would go to the Red Cross, he said.

"The plan right now calls for a telethon from 9am to 9pm on Sunday," he said.

Lange cool to apology by Fabius

From A Correspondent
Wellington

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Mr Fabius's message was conveyed on Monday by the French Ambassador to New Zealand, M Jacques Bourgoin.

Mr Fabius said that he was deeply sorry that the July 10 sinking of the Greenpeace ship by French agents in New Zealand waters had affected relations between New Zealand and France.

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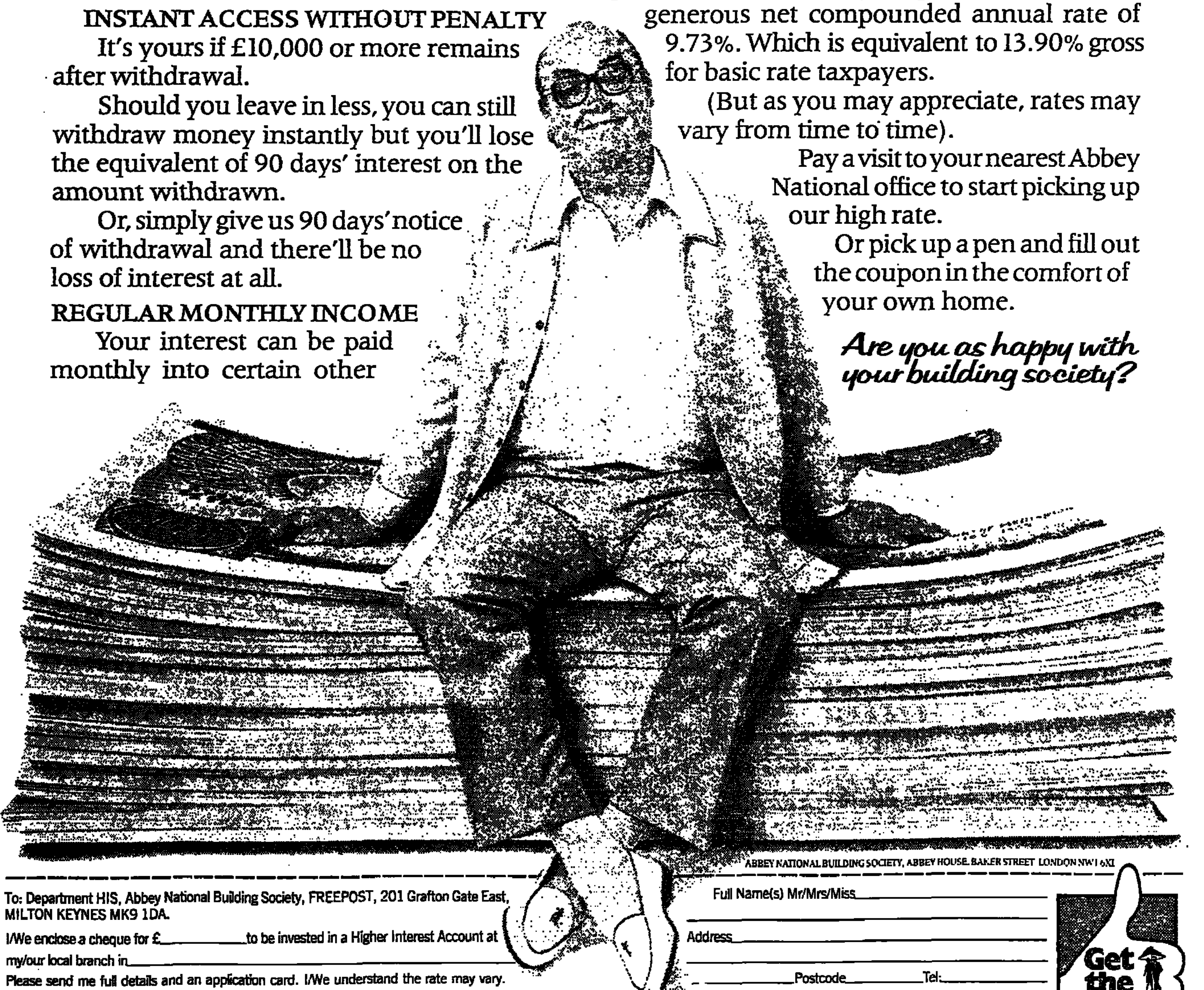

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Political storm in Canada

Tainted tuna forces minister to resign

From John Best, Ottawa

A political row over the marketing of a million cans of tainted tuna has cost the job of Canada's Minister for Fisheries and Oceans, Mr John Fraser.

Opposition MPs insisted yesterday, the day after his resignation, that Mr Fraser had been made a scapegoat for the Prime Minister, Mr Brian Mulroney.

Mr Fraser resigned after coming under attack for having ordered the release of the large batch of tuna earlier this year even though his departmental inspectors have found the fish rancid and declared it unfit for human consumption.

The affair was brought to light in a television documentary last week which revealed that the Canadian Army had rejected several thousand tins because military chiefs had refused to serve it.

After having insisted for several days that the tuna was safe, Mr Fraser announced abruptly to the House of Commons on Thursday that he had ordered it seized "because of a high state of public anxiety".

The next day Mr Mulroney, who until then had faithfully defended his minister, rebuked him by telling a press conference that it was "pretty damned obvious" that the tuna should not have been offered for sale.

The Prime Minister said that he had had a "full and frank discussion" with Mr Fraser, and it seems clear that the question of resignation was at least mentioned at that time.

It is not known precisely how many tins of the tuna, produced by a plant in New Brunswick, were sold. But several thousand were distributed to shops.

In his letter of resignation, Mr Fraser told the Prime Minister that it would be "in the best interest of your ministry" if he stepped aside; the central objectives were being obscured by the tuna controversy.

Mr Mulroney replied that he accepted the resignation with considerable regret; Mr Fraser had been a "valued minister and counsellor".

Mr Fraser, centre, being guided through journalists and photographers after his resignation.

Refugee aid runs short

Geneva – The UN High Commission for Refugees is $92 million (£64 million) short to keep programmes running until the end of the year (Our Correspondent writes).

Mr Poul Hartling, the High Commissioner, said yesterday that, while most governments had been generous, extra demands on his organization, including the African emergency, have meant a $75 million shortfall in the general programme of $319 million.

Paris offers pick of the Picassos

From Diana Geddes
Paris

More than 12 years after his death, the Pablo Picasso Museum, containing hundreds of the artist's works as well as those of painters he admired, has finally been completed after a £7 million restoration and refurbishing.

The museum, housed in the beautiful 17th-century Hôtel Salé in the Marais district of Paris, will open on Saturday. It was inaugurated on Monday by President Mitterrand, accompanied by two of the artist's children, Claude and Paloma, and his last wife, Jacqueline.

Death duties, paid in kind by Picasso's six inheritors from among his works, form the basis of the superb collection of 203 paintings, 158 pieces of sculpture, 88 ceramics, more than 1,500 drawings, 30 sketch books, and more than 1,600 prints, illustrated books and manuscripts.

Jacqueline Picasso also gave more than 53 paintings collected by Picasso, including works by Le Nain, Corot, Cezanne, Renoir, Modigliani, Matisse, Miró and Balthus.

Although many museums contain important Picasso collections, notably the New York Museum of Modern Art, and the Picasso museums in Barcelona and Antibes, none can rival that in the Hôtel Salé.

Portraits of the most important women in Picasso's life are also there – Olga Khoklova, the Russian ballet dancer; Dora Maar, his companion at the time of Guernica; Francoise Gillot, his great post-war love; and Jacqueline, to whom he was married for 20 years.

Commonwealth summit

Britain could be faced with sanctions backlash

By Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent

Sir Shridath Ramphal, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, has expressed cautious optimism that Britain will join other members of the Commonwealth at next month's Nassau summit in an agreement in principle that selective economic measures should be imposed against South Africa in order to speed the process of political reform there.

In an interview with *The Times* Mr Ramphal said he did not expect African Commonwealth leaders to press for a commitment to comprehensive and mandatory economic sanctions because these would be rejected by Britain and other Commonwealth leaders.

Instead they would concentrate their efforts on trying to persuade Mrs Margaret Thatcher that it is in Britian's own interests to be part of the international process intended to induce South Africa to change its ways.

He said there could be a backlash against Britain within the Commonwealth if London continued to reject even limited economic sanctions.

Mr Ramphal (he prefers not to use his title), stressed that no one was looking for a confrontation with Britain at Nassau and hoped the meeting would not end with Britain standing apart from the 48 other Commonwealth members.

"We will have a real confrontation only if Mrs Thatcher absolutely refuses to countenance any kind of economic pressure," he said. But I really find that unthinkable."

However, Britain has been receiving conflicting advice this week from a group of prominent South African business leaders who are touring Europe and the US arguing the case against sanctions.

Members of the group have been appealing to British and other Western companies with interests in South Africa to support efforts by South African business to bring about economic and political reforms.

The group, led by Professor Nick Wiehahn, of the Afrikanse Handelsinstitut, and Mr Raymond Parsons, of the Associated Chambers of Commerce, represented about 80 per cent of English, Afrikaans and black business interests in South Africa.

Members of the group had just come from New York where they put the case against sanctions to a United Nations committee looking into the activities of multi-national corporations in South Africa. In London, they have held talks with Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, Mr Paul Channon, Minister of Trade, and leaders of the Confederation of British Industry.

At a Press conference yesterday, the business leaders argued that they had already been a positive force for change in South Africa and that they were now trying to promote negotiations between the Government and black leaders to find peaceful ways of bringing about more rapid political reforms.

"We are activists for moderation," Mr Hans van Zyl, head of the Federated Chamber of Industries, said. "There is an unstoppable process for change taking place in South Africa. It is being driven by black aspirations and it is supported by business leaders."

The business community takes much of the credit for reforms in industrial relations – particularly the establishment of a powrful black trade union movement – arising from recommendations made by a commission headed by Professor Wiehahn.

It was also noted that business leaders had recently held talks with the banned African National Congress in Lusaka, despite public disapproval expressed by President Botha.

The most effective role for foreign governments and multinationals was to support attempts by South African business to bring about change Mr van Zyl said.

Mr Ramphal, on the other hand, believes that Britain and its Commonwealth partners should not only agree on the need for limited sanctions but should even consider specific measures.

British MPs and clergy flock to South Africa

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

South Africa is full of itinerant British MPs and churchmen, their presence reflecting the intense interest which events here have aroused in the world outside over the past few months.

The parliamentary delegation consists of seven Conservative MPs led by Mr Jerry Wiggin, (Weston-super-Mare), who are here on a two-week visit as the guests of the Pretoria Government.

The ecclesiastical party numbers 11. Led by Mr Philip Morgan, General Secretary of the British Council of Churches, it includes Roman Catholic and Anglican bishops and the vice-president of the Methodist Church. They are guests of the South African Council of Churches

Mr Wiggin and his colleagues met Mr "Pik" Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, on Monday evening. Afterwards, he said they hoped to "be seeing all shades of opinion, both officially and unofficially". Their brief was "to inform ourselves as individuals of the situation in South Africa".

He maintained there was nothing "sinister" about the fact that their trip had been paid for by Pretoria. Mr Wiggin said his party had been assured that "we can do what we want within the constraints of time and distance, and see who we want to".

Portuguese escapers still free

From Martha de la Cal
Lisbon

The 11 prisoners who escaped from Lisbon jail on Saturday are still at large, and police say they have no clues to their whereabouts.

Ten were being held for trial as members of the FP25 terrorist organization and are accused of involvement in crimes including bank robberies, bombings and criminal assaults in which two industrial executives and a nightwatchman were killed. The eleventh man was a convicted Spanish criminal.

They overpowered four prison guards, stole uniforms and guns, and escaped in a van and a stolen taxi through a barrage of bullets fired by a guard at the gate.

On Monday, police found a van identical to the escape van containing grenades, machine guns, pistols and money. It had been sitting in front of the jail since the escape.

On Sunday 150 prisoners in the Vale de Judens high-security prison burnt part of the building and caused other damage in an eight-hour mutiny.

Dr Mario Soares, the Prime Minister, called an emergency meeting with the Ministers of Justice, Interior and Defence and commanders of police and security forces to launch an investigation into the two incidents. He said, "grave negligence and perhaps complicity were involved".

Opera head to be mayor of Florence

From Peter Nichols
Rome

Florence has drawn on one of the most influential figures in European council affairs to lead the city's life by electing as its mayor Signor Massimo Bogianckino.

He will have to give up his post as general manager of the Paris Opera to accept the job, in which he will lead a combination of parties unique in any of Italy's big cities.

He is himself a Socialist, but his main ally in the municipal administration will be the Communist Party, and he will have support from Liberals and Social Democrats.

This strangely varied coalition will give him, on paper, a majority of 34 of the 60 members of the municipal council. His intention is to keep together this unusual alliance for the full five years, until the next local government elections.

Before going to the Paris Opera, Signor Bogianckino had been in charge of the Florence Maggio Musciale festival and artistic director of La Scala. Immediately after his election late on Monday night he promised to place great weight on cultural interest.

A youthful 63, Signor Bogianckino is accustomed to success. His performance in his first specifically political post will be followed with great interest.

World experts meet to reassess Aids data

From Alan McGregor
Geneva

A reassessment of Aids worldwide is being made today and tomorrow at the headquarters here of the World Health Organization.

Officially notified cases of the acquired immune deficiency syndrome in WHO files are still below 20,000 – well over half of them in the United States – but many millions of people may be carriers of the virus.

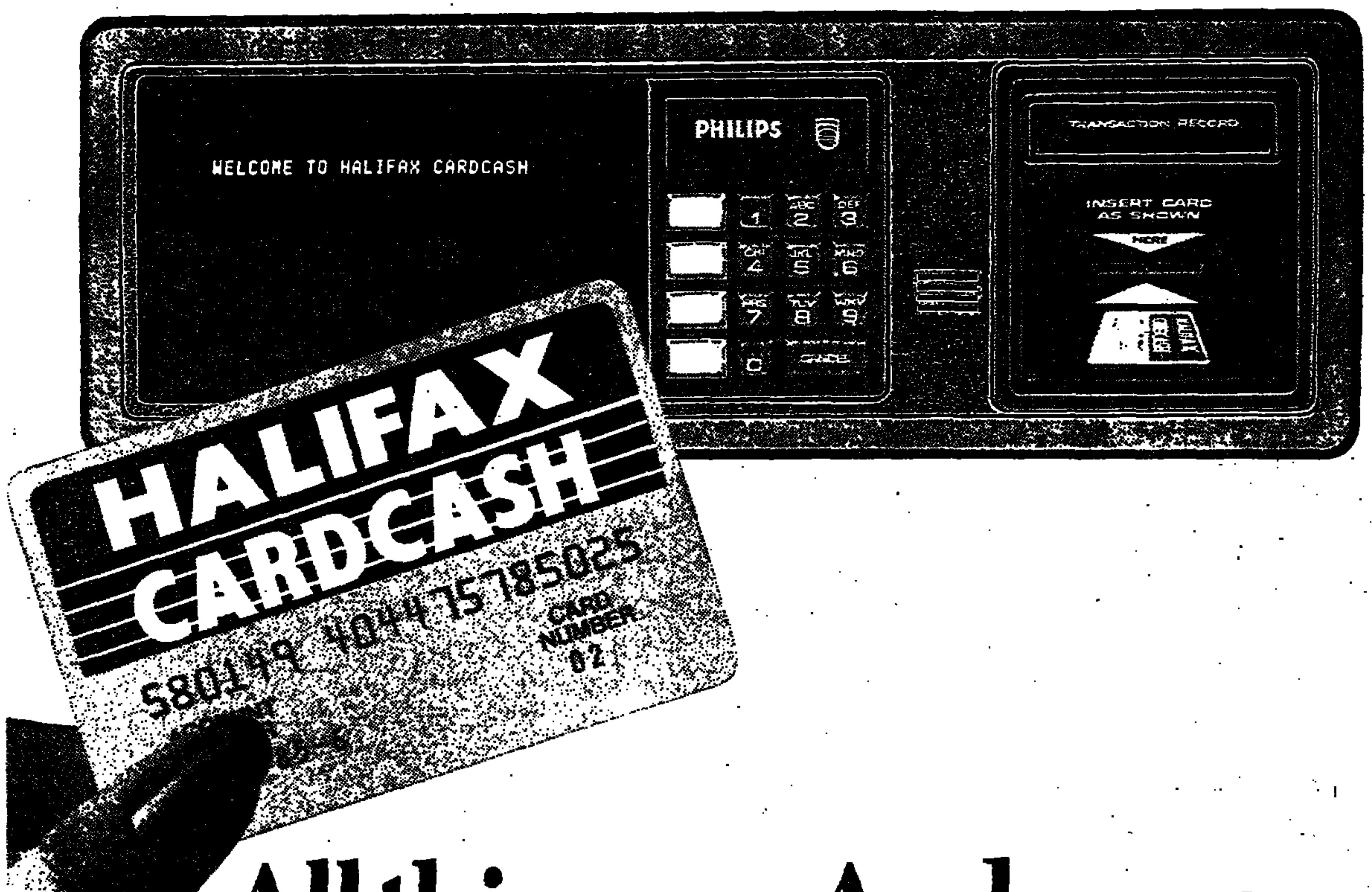
Directors of the 12 WHO collaborating centres on Aids are taking part, made up of five centres in the US, two in Britian, two in France and one each in West Germany, Australia and the Central African Republic. Aids is believed to have started in Africa and to be spreading rapidly in countries such as Zaire, though statistics are almost non-existent.

While identification of the virus was achieved relatively quickly by French and American researchers, there is still no expectation that an effective vaccine will be developed in the near future, though several antivirals are under test. Therapy applied so far is strictly experimental.

WHO underscores the importance of education, not only for doctors and health workers but also for the public, for slowing the spread of Aids. Referring in particular to the US, Europe and Australia, where Aids is most common in homosexual men, it says "anal intercourse is by far the most dangerous because of the possible exchange of blood."

"Oral-anal and oral-genital contact and open-mouth kissing have not proved to be especially harmful, but the risk of infection cannot be ruled out. The use of condoms decreases risks but does not give full protection."

Top prority is given to screening of blood donors and precautions at blood banks to protect children and adults who receive transfusions. The US Food and Drug Administration now recommends that any man who has had sexual relations with another man since 1977 should not donate blood.



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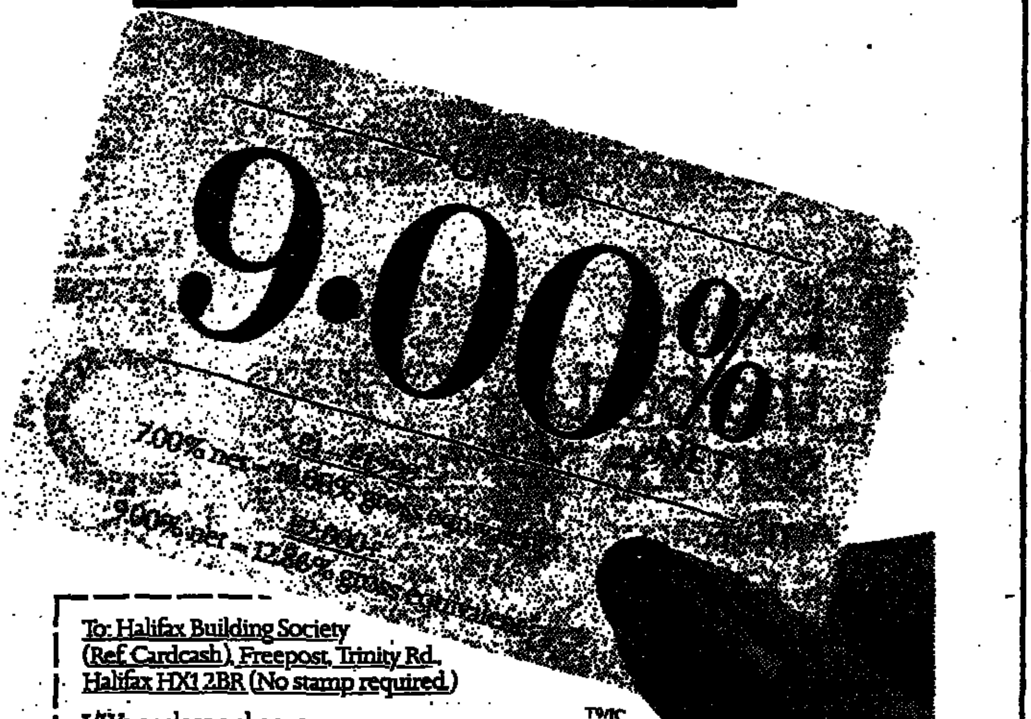

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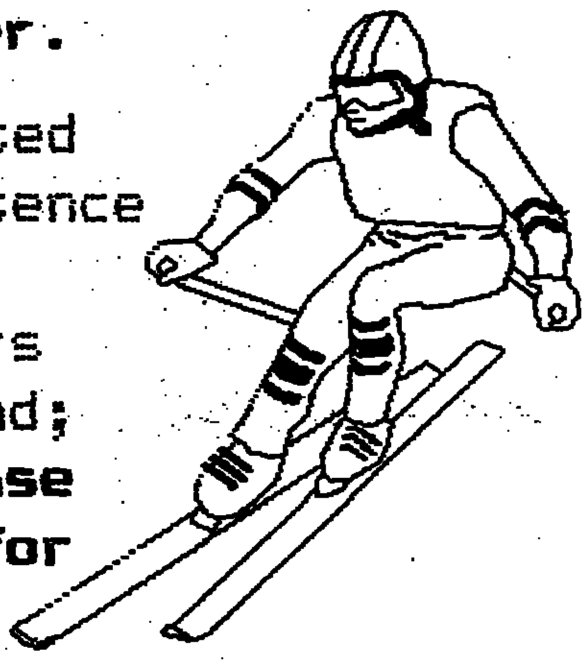

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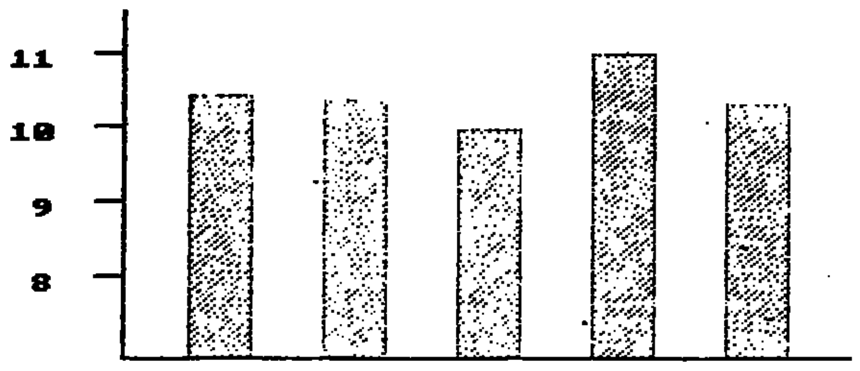

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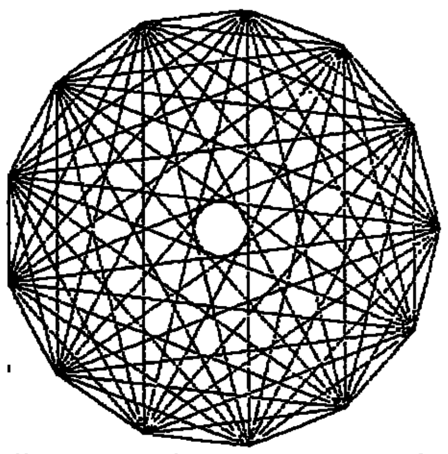

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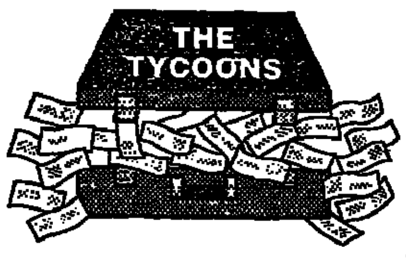


James Gulliver, Harry Goodman and Mark Weinberg are leaders in very different fields. But they share the qualities that breed success – vision, flair and a restless drive

Mark Weinberg

Chairman of Allied Dunbar (above)

Mark Weinberg is a man who is always on the move. Born in Durban, South Africa, in 1931, he moved to Britain at the age of 30 and has since swum restlessly through the shifting tides of the life insurance and pensions industry, taking in banking and unit trusts along the way.

In the process he has created two substantial businesses, Abbey Life and Hambro Life and made himself a multi-millionaire.

The Sharpeville massacre of 1961 made Weinberg decide to leave South Africa for good. He had a law degree from South Africa and another in commerce from the LSE and six months' experience with Liberty Life Association, a South African based insurance company, had made him realize how archaic, in his view, the UK life assurance business had become.

The range of policies had not changed in years and the selling of insurance was low-key, with the result that Britain was one of the most under-insured countries in the world.

So with £50,000 of borrowed capital, he set up in London in 1962, to develop a company and a set of life insurance products sufficiently respectable to be accepted but with the flair found elsewhere in the world.

His Abbey Life offered something new: insurance policies linked to the unit trust concept, under which a policyholder could see the value of his policy grow by following the price of the units in the newspapers.

Within two years his success was attracting take-over bids. At first, he resisted. Then a personal crisis developed which changed his mind.

Weinberg's brother-in-law had started selling life insurance in Israel. "In mid 1964 I got a telephone call from my sister Myra to say he had collapsed. His appendix had burst and he had carried on working, thinking he had nothing worse that a stomach ache. By carrying on like that he had aggravated it. I flew out to Israel. My brother-in-law was close to death for several days. He pulled through and is still alive today, but I decided then that life was more than working all day and coming near to death."

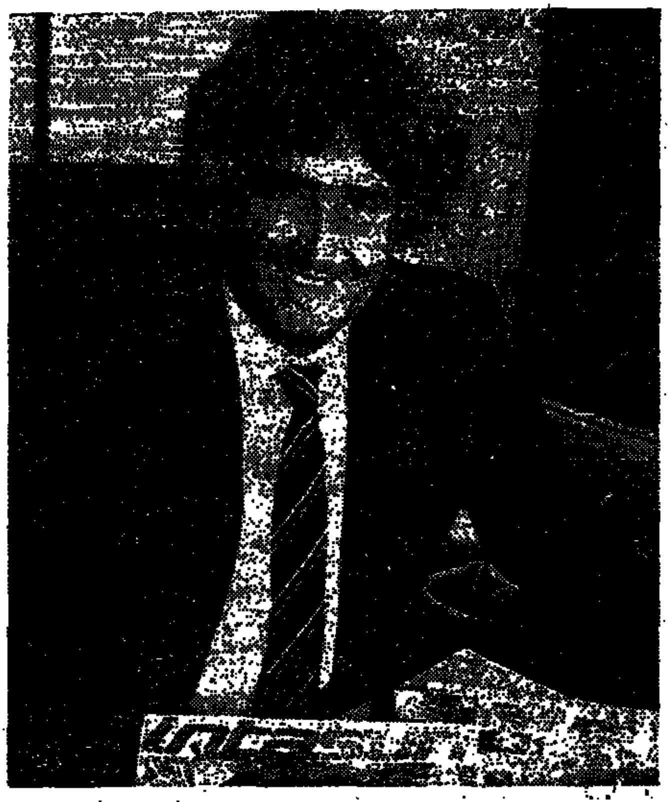
When Weinberg returned, he immediately accepted an offer of £110,000 for Abbey from Georgia International Life. He continued to run Abbey and the take-over gave him the money to solve his problems on the sales side: he quickly built a sales force on traditional US lines based on high pressure and high commissions.

Then in 1970 Weinberg – still aged only 39 – and his key executives left to set up Hambro Life Assurance with £1 million from Hambros Bank. When the company went public five years later, his 10 per cent stake was worth £3 million. When it was taken over by BAT Industries in 1984, and the company renamed Allied Dunbar, it was worth £10 million.

Weinberg, who now wants to widen the scope of Allied Dunbar, is steadily burnishing his image as the conscience of the British life insurance industry. In 1984 he served on the Governor of the Bank of England's committee to advise on how the City should be regulated. This year he was appointed chairman of the Marketing of Investments Board, the body which the Government was setting up to oversee insurance, pensions and unit trusts.

Harry Goodman

Chairman of International Leisure Group (right)



Harry Goodman is a fast-talking, outgoing trader who enjoys the private yacht and plane that a multi-million fortune puts within reach. He left school at 15 in 1954, only to be turned down for a job by Thomas Cook, the doyen of Britain's travel agents, because he had no O levels. Now he is chairman of International Leisure Group, formerly known as Intasun, taking more than a million people a year on holiday.

At 22, Goodman, with a couple of partners, managed to buy their way into Sidcup Travel, a small travel agency based in Kent. It cost them £500 each and Goodman had to sell his house and move his family into a flat above the business. He changed the company name to Sunair and branched out as a tour operator.

With characteristic foresight, Goodman took his first big gamble in 1971. He sold his interest in Sunair for £70,000 and took a two-year sabbatical in Spain and Greece building contacts and talking to hoteliers. Then he bought Intasun, a small chain of travel agencies, for £25,000, sold off the agency business (as he had done at Sunair) to concentrate again on package tours.

Within a year, Intasun had a break that most young companies can only dream about when Clarksons, the dominant force in the package tour business carrying about a million passengers a year, collapsed. Goodman heard the rumours early and embarked on a ruthless strategy.

He recalls: "We hired and put on standby three private jets and a buying team. We had them airborne 40 minutes after the annoncement that Clarksons was in trouble. The hoteliers panicked. We got reductions of 40 per cent on room rates because we could assure them that their beds would be filled. We brought out a new brochure that was to all intents and purposes Clarksons".

In the remaining eight weeks of the season, Intasun picked up 50,000 holidays and made £300,000 – effectively doubling their business for the summer.

When Freddie Laker's company collapsed in early 1982, Goodman repeated his Clarksons swoop. On the morning of the collapse, two Intasun jets took off for Spain with a team of negotiators aboard. They simply went to the hotels in the Laker brochures and asked the crestfallen managers if they had "any spare beds".

Intasun sold more than 500,000 holidays in a single summer for the first time, giving it the base to overtake Horizon as the industry's second biggest operator. It picked up Schoolplan, the ski firm, and Club 18-30.

Harry Goodman, who is now so rich he gives his entire yearly salary to charity, is about to face an important crossroads. To shift Intasun's centre of gravity to a broader base in the leisure industry he has recently bought Global Holidays, which expanded the group's coach traffic, but also gave it a foothold in the Australian market, and signed a deal with Ramada Hotel Group of the US to buy and develop UK hotels.

On his own admission, Goodman was a workaholic in the early years. It was commonplace for him to leave home at six in the morning and return at midnight. "The job cost me my first two marriages, and I missed out completely on family life. I spend six to eight weeks at a time away from the business nowadays, enough to see the wood for the trees.

"Everyone who runs a company has to be autocratic. There has got to be a boss. When the going gets rough, someone has got to say 'this is what we're going to do'."

James Gulliver

Chairman of Argyll Group (above)

James Gulliver would be many people's idea of the pugnacious Scot. Short, stocky and very determined, he has come a long way from the three grocer's shops his father ran in Campbeltown, Argyllshire. Now he runs Argyll Group, named partly to commemorate his homeland, but also for the hard-headed reason that it comes near the top of any alphabetical list.

It takes in more than 1,000 food stores, supermarkets and freezer centres trading under the names of Presto, Liptons, Templeton, Galbraith, Lo-Cost and Cordon Bleu. The group makes Scotch and bourbon whiskies, rum, gin and vodka, as well as tea and biscuits.

Gulliver went to university on a scholarship and studied engineering because it combined analytical training with a practical application. His first-class degree earned him a Fulbright Scholarship to the US: he used that to study at Harvard Business School.

His career took off in 1965 when he was 33. He joined the Fine Fare supermarket chain, part of Associated British Foods. Garfield Weston, then head of ABF, quickly made him managing director with a remit to stem Fine Fare's annual loss of £2 million. Within two years, he was chairman of Fine Fare.

He says: "I developed Fine Fare as a national company. It had 25 separate fascias around the country, so I introduced a national trading name and logo. We were the first to have own brands and national press advertising. When I took over, half the stores were counter service. We converted to self-service and wage costs were often halved."

Gulliver stayed seven years as chairman and chief executive of Fine Fare, building the value of the business from £12 million to about £60 million. He left in 1972 because plans to float Fine Fare on the stock market were dropped.

As part of his terms for leaving Fine Fare, the Westons imposed on him a restrictive covenant which banned him from going into food retailing for 18 months. He was allowed to make food and wholesale it, so he bought into a public company called Oriel Foods.

Gulliver borrowed £1 million from William Brandts, the merchant bank, and knocked Oriel into shape using the lessons he had learned at Fine Fare. Two years later, he sold out to RCA and became a millionaire.

In 1976, Gulliver left RCA. Again a covenant restricted him from trading in the food business for 18 months. When the restriction was over, his private company, James Gulliver Associates, got together with two merchant banks, to pay £100,000 for 20 per cent of the shares in Louis C. Edwards, the Manchester butcher which was to be transformed into Argyll Group.

After a hectic series of deals, Gulliver was ready to make the leap which would bring Argyll within reach of the likes of Sainsbury, Tesco and Asda. Although Argyll was valued on the stock market at only £45 million, Sir James Goldsmith asked Gulliver if he was interested in buying Allied Suppliers, the Liptons and Presto group. Argyll did so for £101 million.

Gulliver describes himself as "a delegator, but with a tinge of ruthlessness". He explains: "A strong feature of our business is very strong financial control. We do very detailed profit plans for each operation with the executive concerned. If he fails to make that, and if it is due to his shortcomings, then perhaps the first failure would be acceptable – but the second would not."

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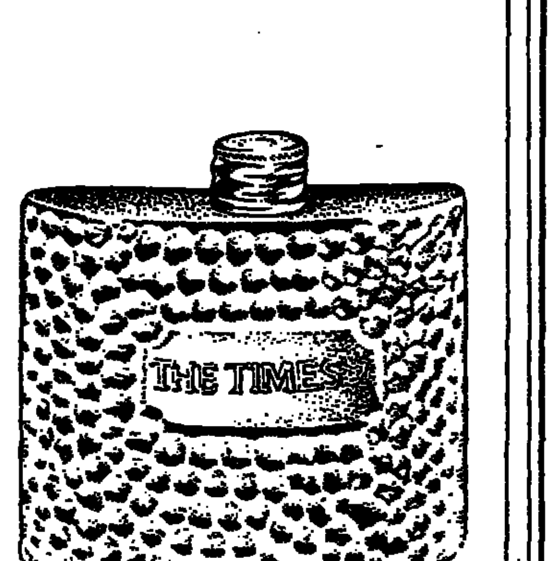

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Winning the sales war in the battle for arms contracts

Rodney Cowton reports on Britain's efforts and successes in capturing substantial world orders for military equipment

Britain's defence industry, on the crest of a wave after winning two large orders in the past week, is still fighting hard for the biggest prize – the adoption by the United States Army of the British Ptarmigan communications system.

A French system is the main rival, and a decision by the American authorities is imminent.

Even though 70 per cent of the manufacture would be in America, the US programme is expected to be worth more than £3 billion in the long term – and 30 per cent of that is big business by anyone's standards.

An American endorsement for Ptarmigan, already in service with the British Army of the Rhine, would mark it down as a world-beater and boost further its overseas sales.

The deal would come on the heels of the announcement that Saudi Arabia is to buy £3 billion worth of British arms including Tornado combat jets and Hawk trainers.

And only last week during her visit to Jordan, Mrs Thatcher witnessed the signing of a £270 million order for British electronic warfare equipment, anti-aircraft installations and fast patrol boats.

Victory over the French would highlight a remarkable feature in the pattern of sales of Nato Europe's two largest arms exporters. In world-wide sales of defence equipment, France is substantially more successful than Britain, and in the developing countries its markets are probably almost double those of the UK. But in the world's most sophisticated market – the United States – Britain outsells France and supplies almost half of all America's arms imports.

Britain supplies half of America's arms imports

In designing equipment the French, it is said, keep their eye on producing items that will sell abroad, and only as a secondary matter try to ensure that it will meet the needs of the French forces. Cheap, cheerful, and very successful in Third World markets sums it up.

Britain, on the other hand, designs equipment almost entirely for the needs of its forces operating in the high technology environment of Nato and central Europe. As a result British defence products are likely to be complex and too expensive for many of the world's markets, but in those relatively limited sectors in which the United States is not self-sufficient in arms, there is a good chance that British industry can fill the gap.

One arms salesman said: "Competing against the French in Third World countries is always desperate. They are ready to compromise on design to get sales. They have much closer co-operation between the services' people specifying what they want, and industry who want to be able to sell it.

"We don't have anything like the same subsidies; latent and patent, and we don't bring the same political clout to bear. The French are much more willing to exploit political situations to exert pressure to get sales.

"I think we are improving but we have a long way to go. We still have a reputation for playing cricket. It may help in the long-run, but it doesn't always help when you are in a head-to-head negotiation."

The world trade in arms and defence equipment is a huge, complex and often secretive activity, about which there are few universally accepted statistics. Among the more reliable is an analysis produced periodically by the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA).

The latest figures, which go as far as 1982, show the Soviet Union as the world's leading exporter with 30.1 per cent of the world market, the United States second with 26.2 per cent, France third with 8.8 per cent and Britain fourth with 5.5 per cent.

For Britain much the most important market is the Middle East, and it is entirely in keeping with the pattern of activities that the recent first overseas sale of the Trident aircraft should have been to Oman.

In Britain's case, it is much more accurate to refer to the trade in "defence equipment" than "arms". Indeed the trade need not always be in hardware. For example, British Aerospace has a long term support services contract with the Royal Saudi Air Force which it reckons to have been worth £1,300 million

Last year, according to Ministry of Defence figures, British exports of military radio and radar apparatus, and optical equipment and training simulators, had a higher value than exports of combat aircraft or tanks and armoured fighting vehicles, and were four times more important than sales of warships.

While for 1983 the Ministry put identified British defence sales at £919 million, it estimated sales of "additional equipment" for military purposes at £1,189 million.

This "additional equipment" included items such as airframe and aero-engine parts, some road vehicles and electronic items.

A large part of Britain's strength lies in producing "bits of kit" – sub-systems to go into major weapons systems – and support systems.

There are, of course, still successes with major systems, such as Ptarmigan, or British Aerospace's Hawk trainer and Harrier vertical/short take-off and landing aircraft, and the same company's Rapier air defence missile.

Sales of such major weapons systems are important because the business does not end with the delivery of the aircraft, helicopter or whatever. There will usually be a requirement to provide spares and technical and other support throughout the life of the equipment, and this can double and even treble the initial value of the sale.

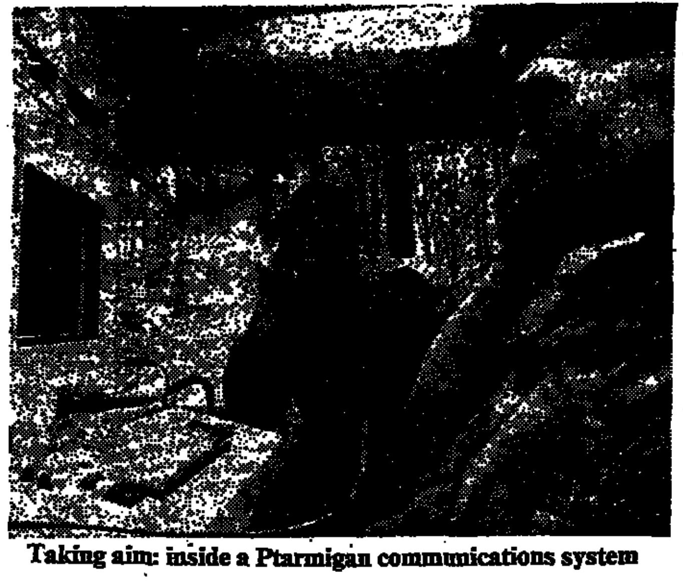
A hardened veteran, scarred by many a long negotiation, said: "It's great that we are good on sub-systems, electronics, displays, ejector seats, things like that. But if you sell a sub-system that is all you sell. If you sell a complete system, a frigate or an aircraft, there's a good chance that you will also provide most of the bits and pieces that go into it. The spin-off is much greater. And you will get 20 or 25 years of support work and supplying spares, and possibly follow-on sales on top."

Rolls-Royce aero engines remain a British strength

A major British strength remains in Rolls-Royce aero engines, with military business in the United States for the Pegasus engine alone expected to be worth £100 million a year for the next ten years. Rolls Royce is also expecting to do about £360 million of business through the use of versions of its Adour engine in the Hawk trainer for the US Navy.

Britain's biggest defence contractor is British Aerospace which last year exported almost £700 million of military aircraft and support services, and £287 million of guided weapons and electronic systems. One of its most successful products, the Rapier low level air defence system, has been sold to 12 foreign countries.

British Ministry of Defence statistics show a healthy balance of trade in defence equipment: in 1984 there were £825 million of identified defence exports against £253 million of imports. It is going to require a number of large scale successes, such as clinching the Ptarmigan deal, to sustain this position.



Taking aim: inside a Ptarmigan communications system

MAJOR MARKETS FOR UK ARMS

Source: US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency – April 1984 values

Country	Exports (£m) 1978-82	UK % of Market	Main Competition
Saudi Arabia	1,335	20%	USA: 37% France: 20%
Jordan	600	35%	USA: 35% Italy: 25%
Egypt	420	14%	USA: 36% France: 19%
India	350	14%	USSR: 78%
Oman	325	84%	USA: 11%
USA	320	45%	W. GERMANY 18%
Brazil	290	61%	USA: 10% It: 10% Fr: 9%
Qatar	220	59%	France: 36%
China	175	42%	USSR: 25%
Finland	175	52%	USSR: 42%

TALKBACK

From Mary Benson, Langford Court, London NW8.

Michael Hornsby, in his article headlined "The black tide facing Botha" (September 13) said that a confused picture of Nelson Mandela had emerged from interviews: in some accounts he appears "a pragmatic black nationalist"; in others "a hard-line communist".

Only three interviews with Mr Mandela have been published in recent years: by Lord Bethell, by Professor Samuel Dash in *The Times* (July 24) and by Messrs. John Lofton and Cal Thomas, columnists from the *Washington Times*. In none of them does he appear as either a "hard" or "soft"-line communist.

In fact even the columnists from the *Washington Times*, the extremely conservative newspaper owned by the Moonies, reported: "Mr Mandela said that he is "definitely not" a Marxist or a communist but an African nationalist who has been influenced by the idea of a classless society".

They added that he is a member of the Methodist Church and that, when questioned about his refusal to renounce violence, Mandela pointed out that Christian countries had gone to war to fight against various forms of injustice.

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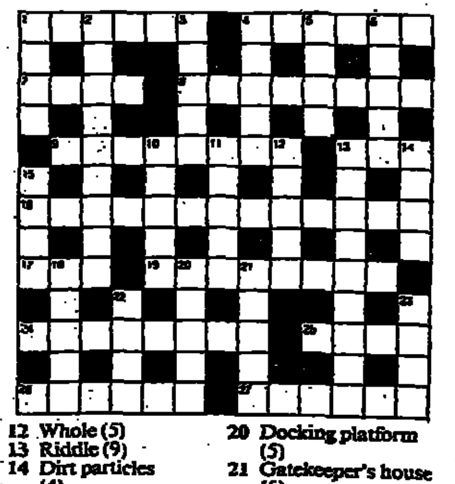

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5 Large town (4)
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10 Scots landowner (5)
11 Humber tidal wave (5)
12 Whole (5)
13 Riddle (9)
14 Dirt particles (4)
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WEDNESDAY PAGE

Lure of the Islamic faith

Islam is now attracting a growing number of British followers. **Caroline Moorehead** explains the appeal of an adopted religion and outlines the problems converts face

In a wide and tree-lined North London street, set well back from the road among tidy gardens behind a gravel drive is the Islamia Primary School. Islamic parents have been bringing a growing number of their children here since 1983 when a pop star called Cat Stevens, under his new name of Yusuf Islam, opened a kindergarten for Muslims.

They have been drawn by the reassuring attention to order and spirituality of the place, which contrasts with the lawlessness and lack of God their children were encountering elsewhere.

One of these parents is a tall, somewhat large woman who arrives each morning at 9am in a Mercedes with two small children. She wears a long dark blue gown, buttoned to the ground; above it hangs a short cape framing a dark blue scarf. Only her hands and face, behind round glasses, show. To the Western eye she looks Middle Eastern, nunnish. But when she speaks, you discover a voice that is pure, broad Scots.

Sara is a former chemistry student from Stirling University. Her father is an engineer, and has recently become an Orangeman. She came to London in the early 1970s to work as a trainee accountant and, to earn her keep, took a job as a cleaner. One day, vacuuming a flat, she picked up some pages torn from a book: one side was printed in English, the other in Arabic. "I had no idea what it was. But when I read the words, I just knew they made sense." The pages were from the Koran.

Some days later, while walking in the park, Sara stopped by a group of young people squatting on the grass; she joined them and found that they were discussing their Islamic studies with a teacher. Again, the words appealed to her; she found their simplicity reassuring.

The restrictions – no alcohol, no boyfriends – did not bother Sara

She bought a copy of the Koran in Selfridges and was soon a regular attender at their meetings. It was not long before she decided to convert. "It was a very simple ceremony, in someone's house. I had a shower, and then two men and four women acted as my witnesses. I repeated: 'There is one God and his name is Allah'. After that, I had been told, I wouldn't be accountable to anyone but God. I liked that."

Sara now found herself gathered into a Muslim and Sufi community, living in and around Maida Vale. Most, like herself, were converts. She liked the straightforwardness of their relationships, the security of their rules; she liked the pauses for prayer, five times every day, "so that I never felt far from God". Especially, she looked forward to the conviviality of the evenings when others, as she had, took their shower and stood to profess the name of Allah. To her surprise, she found that the restrictions – no alcohol, no boyfriend, no pork – did not bother her at all.

Six years ago, an English friend married to a Malaysian told her of an Egyptian bachelor working as an accountant at the embassy who was looking for a wife. She described him. He sounded steady, nice, kind. "I didn't see him until after we were married. On Saturday I bought my wedding dress; on Sunday I travelled to Bradford where the marriage was to take place; on Monday we were married. At the ceremony, I didn't even know which of the men in the room he was."

On Tuesday the couple were back in London, in a bedsitting room. "It was terrifying. Not at all like being in love. Sometimes I used to watch him coming down the street and wonder: who is this man?" But the marriage has worked.

Sara, mother of three small children, hoping for many more, taking night classes for her degree in Arabic, living in a bare Victorian flat in Hampstead, with cushions and pile carpets but little furniture beyond an immense television set and video, is happy. "It depends what you want from life. We've been compatible. The minute I was married I knew I stood a better chance of success than the rest of my friends: no showing off before the marriage and nothing afterwards.

"I couldn't manage life without him now. He's so kind, so loving to me and the kids. Obviously I have to be obedient to him and ask his permission when I want to do things. But I have the responsibility for bringing up the children and for his well being. I know where I am." Since their marriage, her husband has started running a successful Islamic investment company.

Sara is not an oddity, nor an exceptional case. When Yusuf Islam founded his school three years ago, most of the parents who approached him were from the Middle East and Pakistan. Converts are beginning to outnumber them. Each week, at London's central Mosque in St John's Wood, some three of four Britons are professing their switch to Islam. On Fridays, at prayers, the British group now forms a visible and solid body. Extrapolated to the whole country, these numbers mean something like 5,000 new converts in the last five or six years.

Cat's cradle: Yusuf Islam, ex-pop star Cat Stevens (left), teaching at his North London school. Right: another child learns the word of Islam in front of a picture of Mecca

Britons overseas often felt drawn towards the religion

This increase shows no sign of diminishing and is being brought about, it seems, by the availability of Islamic books, by word-of-mouth contact between new converts, and by the loosening of old cultural ties. Englishmen, whether posted to the Middle East, or serving with British forces in Muslim countries, have often felt drawn to the religion and over the years a small but steady number, rather privately and with little fanfare, have converted.

But it was not until the late 1970s that a sizeable number of young people returning from travels in the East felt a real desire to adopt a way of life and a faith that they had admired on their wanderings.

In 1977, a number of these began to form into two separate, informal, associations for British Muslims; some followed the teachings of Bapak Mohammed, Subah, an Indonesian, whose Subud movement points to the need for religious tolerance and good citizenship, while others gathered round one or another of the Sufi orders they had come across in North Africa, Turkey or Pakistan.

One of these converts was David Rosser-Owen, a freelance journalist and deputy secretary of the now merged Association of British Moslems. Rosser-Owen was an officer aged 20 serving in Malaya in 1964 when, to improve his local languages, he fell into the habit of talking to his soldiers in the evening.

"Soon we were on to religious topics. I had always had certain problems with Christianity. One night I realized I had moved so far down the path towards Islam that I felt it would be more honest to convert. The soldiers were very loyal. They warned me not to say anything – other officers had got into trouble for this before."

In time, it seemed better to Rosser-Owen to leave the army and return to England. He came back to take A levels at a technical college, to a degree in politics, and then to journalism. His wife, whom he met at college, was making her own way into Islam. With two small daughters, they now live a quiet and private life, obedient to Islamic rules of prayers, fasting and diet, in a small West London terrace house.

There are, of course, problems. Parents and friends of those who convert do not always welcome the new appearance when overnight girls take to Islamic dress, while the somewhat austere rules can seem disconcerting. Employers can be suspicious, when they discover that a new employee, beneath a conventional exterior, harbours an unusual religion. The excesses of Khomeini's Iran have not made their faith easier to explain.

The hardest problem, perhaps, is what should be done for the children, particularly the girls, which is brought about because the movements towards Islam among the British are so new and therefore without traditions. From adolescence, Muslim girls are meant to behave modestly and with decorum, and to have no dealings with boys, discos or dates: a hard rule to enforce in a mixed comprehensive school.

Plans are now being made to try to fund a Muslim secondary school for girls in London, but unless one opens, Sara, and many mothers like her, intends to educate her daughters at home. Rosser-Owen is more realistic, fearing that to keep his two daughters at home could only lead to ghetto life. But he too is worried. Since the elder girl, now 10 years old, went to a mixed primary school he has detected changes in her behaviour. "She is cockier, less helpful, a bit cheeky to my wife", he says. In their home the Rosser-Owens work hard at developing a concept of morality, so that the children will learn to "discern right from wrong, and to feel respect for people and their property".

What does Islam bring to these converts? Is the lure so very different from the appeal of any other all-embracing and exacting faith? Rosser-Owen speaks of the cultural shock that can confuse people during the initial stages of conversion, when they wonder whether it is in fact possible to be both Muslim and British. There is, he says,

New converts find a stricter sense of purpose to society

no contradiction: once that stage has passed a certain tranquillity follows, as new converts come to see "a stricter sense of purpose to society and man's position on earth as God's trustee". Bashira, his wife, mentions the stability; for her, Islam is a religion that "gives you peace".

Eman, another Maida Vale convert, resisted conversion for many months after her marriage to an Egyptian. Four years ago, she started wondering why it was that she had held out with such vehemence. "Converting has made me very happy. It has given me a purpose. Everything is now a whole, instead of in boxes and categories." Rosser-Owen is also impatient with the image of Islam as an unforgiving, harsh religion. On the contrary, he says, it is tolerant and understanding.

"You build up gradually to do the things you should do, slowly adjusting your lifestyle. We teach that it's far better to establish something you can maintain." Perhaps it is too soon to reach conclusions; but among the British converts there are very few who fall away.

MEL CALMAN'S DIARY

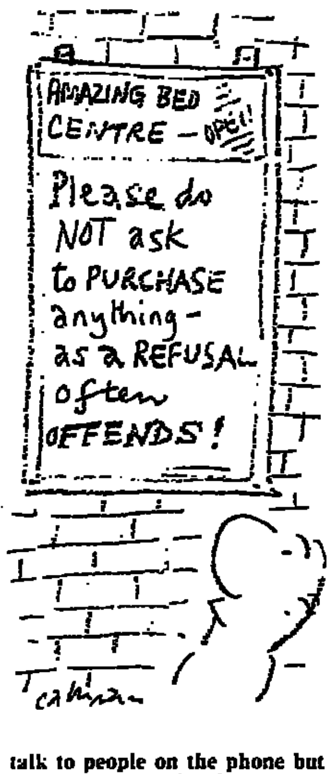
Sales talk for sagging spirits

SATURDAY

The big event of the week has been trying to buy a mattress. My middle-aged back had been telling me that it needed something that didn't sag in all directions. The nearest big town, is Ashford (Kent), which also sags in all directions. I drive to a huge new furniture centre and car park. Miss the entrance to the car park and drive all round Ashford again to enter (do not pass GO – do not collect £200). The centre is housed inside a vast aircraft hangar and there are beds as far as the eye can see – and beyond. The place seems to be empty and the masses of beds lie there, brooding and waiting for me to come and rescue them.

I bounce up and down on several mattresses and finally choose one that has the firmness of a block of concrete. I explain to the assistant that firstly I want to take it with me, and secondly, I only want the mattress and *not* the complete bed. He goes off to check the stock. The good news is that the mattress I want is in stock. The bad news is that I have to drive 20 miles to their branch in Canterbury to collect it.

I ask if I can be very radical and buy the mattress on which I have been bouncing happily. Ah, well, he says, someone else might come along and want the complete bed and mattress and then where would they be? I look around the deserted hangar and doubt if anyone else will come along today. All of Ashford is in Sainsbury's buying dog food for a year's siege. I know because I have just queued up behind one such person before I came to the bedding centre. (I am also the person who queues behind the man changing dinars into zlotys at the bank.) The assistant regrets but .... Only an English salesman knows how to express regret at a lost sale with quite so fierce a lack of conviction.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MONDAY

After the excitement of not buying a mattress in the country, London seems very quiet and dull today. I work and talk to people on the phone but my heart is not stirred.

TUESDAY

There's a private view at my gallery for G. L. Stampa, the *Punch* artist. The evening is very sedate and civilized. There's always less trouble when the artist is dead.

WEDNESDAY

Go to pay homage to Edward Bawden, out in Saffron Walden. Bawden is now over 80 years old and lives with his granddaughter in a small, immaculate house, crammed full of his treasures, drawings and books. Everything is in its correct place – orderly, considered, precise, exactly like his work.

He is one of my great heroes and when I was a student, his work opened my eyes to the humorous possibilities of graphic design. His drawings always make my mouth water with pleasure. Bawden's conversation is as quirky and individual as his style and, as he is rather deaf, moments of surreal misunderstanding further enliven the talk.

He still works daily – or tries to, he says. At present he is illustrating *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. "People said that I'm not the right artist to do it – so I did it. Life is all about proving other people are fools", he says and laughs.

After lunch we walk around town. He shows us the local church. The visitor's book is full of comments from tourists: "divine", "splendid", "serene", "inspirational", "I wish Marie and me could marry here", and one practical remark, "waterproof".

FRIDAY

To the offices of *Punch* magazine for my first "Punch lunch". This is where famous wits eat and crack jokes along with the walnuts. Notice the doorman looks exactly like Mr Punch. Is this a deliberate piece of whimsy or mere chance? The table is full of funny writers, cartoonists and guests, including Roy Hattersley. Politicians always look so pale and unreal compared with their vigorous caricatures. Not a woman in sight. Michael Heath assures me that women do come from time to time. We exchange banter.

I sit opposite Sheridan Morley who tells me (and everyone else) that his latest book has just sold 35,000 copies and is on the best-seller lists. For some reason, successful authors think other authors should be pleased at their success. The truth is that I always get depressed by other people's sales figures. The worst time in my life was when I shared an agent with Len Deighton and had to listen to *his* sales figures. I think it is indecent to sell lots of books and I know my publishers feel the same way about it.

Heath starts to tell me how much work he does every week and I feel even more depressed. If only I drank I'd reach out for the many bottles around me – sparkling Malvern water is not the same, somehow. I console myself with the thought that at least I'm not in the mattress business.

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Down-to-earth ideas from the soup kitchen

The Times Cook

Shona Crawford Poole

Expectations of summer plenty start with the first asparagus spears, but it is not until very much later that they are properly fulfilled. Only now, when the basil and tomatoes have soaked up some sun – not much but enough – that at last, when it is almost too late, a tomato salad tastes like something.

Despite, or perhaps because of all the wellies and sweater weather, vegetables have taken their time to grow this summer. Many are at their freshest, sweetest and cheapest now.

Make jewel-bright beetroot consommé that does not need skimming or clarifying by baking the soup instead of simmering it on top of the stove.

Baked beetroot consommé
Serves four

- 450g (1lb) uncooked beetroot
- 15g (½oz) dried mushrooms, preferably porcini
- 1 head garlic, peeled
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 4 dried Chinese cloud ear mushrooms to garnish (optional)

Peel the raw beetroot and chop or coarsely grate them. Put the prepared beetroot in a large casserole with the dried mushrooms, peeled garlic cloves and a teaspoon each of salt and pepper. Add 1.5 litres (2½ pints) of boiling water and bake the soup, covered in a preheated moderate oven (180°C/350°F, gas mark 4) for about three hours. Or if it suits your timetable better cook it overnight.

Just before serving, pour boiling water over the cloud ear mushrooms which will open from shrivelled, dusty looking twists into transluscent, reddish-brown frills. Carefully strain the consommé into a warmed tureen and add the drained cloud ears. Serve hot.

Fennel bulbs which have bolted can be used for this creamy, fresh-tasting fennel soup.

Fennel soup
Serves two

- 2 fennel bulbs, sliced
- 2 leeks, sliced
- 600 ml (1 pint) stock or skimmed milk
- 2 tablespoons cream
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped fennel leaves

Put the fennel, leek and stock or milk in a pan and simmer until the vegetables are very tender. Purée the mixture and return it to the pan. Reheat, season with freshly ground black pepper and serve very hot with a spoonful of cream and a sprinkling of fennel leaves on top of each bowl.

The sweetness of mutton, or for most of us lamb, combined with root vegetables and barley, is what gives Scotch broth its distinctive flavour. Although you will not find mutton in butchers' shops, farmers do sell mature sheep for slaughter. These can sometimes be bought in livestock markets by those prepared to take a whole carcass.

Scotch broth
Serves four to six

- 680g (1½lb) mutton or lamb, neck or shoulder
- 55g (2oz) pot or pearl barley
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 leek, white part only, chopped
- 1 large carrot, diced
- 1 small swede, diced
- Parsley
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 110g (4oz) peas, fresh or frozen
- 225g (8oz) cabbage, shredded

Trim the meat of fat and put it in a large pan with about 2.25 litres (4 pints) of cold water. Add the barley and a little salt and bring to the boil. Lower the heat to a simmer and skim the pot very thoroughly before adding the onion, leek, carrot, swede and parsley. Season the soup with pepper and cook the broth, covered for about two-and-a-half hours. About 15 minutes before serving, add the peas and cabbage. Serve very hot with a fresh sprinkling of chopped parsley.

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Honour bound

Timed to arrive with the next batch of New Year Honours is a book uncovering the alleged connection between political donations and subsequent honours. According to Peter Grose, managing director of publishers Secker and Warburg: "This book is going to trigger off a row at least as noisy as the one about the 'Lavender Notepaper' " *(the so-called Marcia Falkender list).* Written by John Walker, *The Queen Has Been Pleased* is the result of three years' work. The book's thrust is that before its next recommendations, the Government should perhaps take another look at the Honours (Prevention of Abuses) Act, 1925, which states that anyone who endeavours "to procure the granting of a dignity or title of honour shall be guilty of a misdemeanour". The book lists a number of industrialists and businessmen who were honoured after their firms made contributions to the Conservative Party. Grose would not go into detail. "We want to keep our powder dry".

Hard aport

For the first time in 10 years the Cambridge boat race crew has beaten Oxford. After the race, held in Portugal before Mario Soares, the prime minister, victorious cox Henrietta Shaw, daughter of Home Office minister Giles Shaw, was *spectacularly ducked, as tradition* demands. With any luck, she will get a taste of the Thames after *the* boat race next March.

Blankety-blank

The executive board of Unesco, meeting in Paris yesterday, missed a chance to watch something nice about itself. The secretariat had obtained a copy of a *World in Action* programme which delegates consider gives a fair view of their work. British delegates, however, insisted that a much more critical look should also be screened, this time a BBC *Money Programme.* The secretariat duly chewed over the matter, and finally showed neither. Unesco insisted this was the result of a board meeting which ran beyond the planned screening time rather than a behind-the-scenes row. We shall see, when – or if – either programme is shown later.

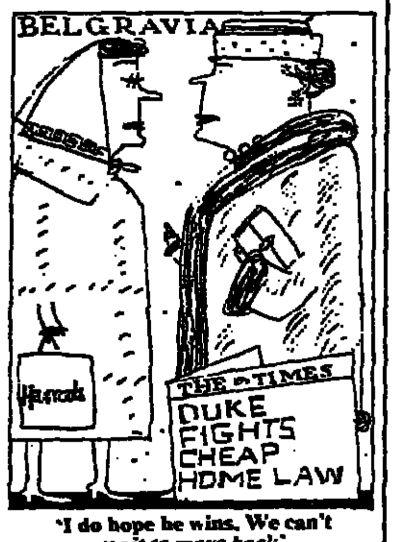
In memoriam

More gee-whizzery from the SDP, *the tomorrow party.* David Owen has sent a letter to Bishop Maurice Key, father of Tory MP Robert Key, canvassing his political opinions. Bishop Key was rector of Devonport throughout the war and died last December. Owen, as MP for Devonport, was invited to the memorial service.

Chafing

The Labour Party has to be so careful. The NUJ has just sent an angry letter to Larry Whitty, its general secretary, asking why the *party is doing business with the* Harvester Press in Brighton, which it accuses of not recognising unions. Whitty yesterday told me the contract to print party archive material was signed before Harvester changed its attitude to union recognition – and that the TUC, which also uses the firm, has now found itself in the same predicament. "We're under a contractual bond but we are looking at ways of getting out of it," he said.

BARRY FANTONI



'I do hope he wins. We can't wait to move back'

Riling

I hope that Mick Jagger's heart bleeds when he learns that John Ryle is among the needy writers receiving Society of Authors' grants *while they write their next book.* As Jagger's ghost autobiographer, Ryle received a mega-buck advance from Weidenfeld, only to be left with an unpublishable draft when Jagger changed his mind and vetoed the whole idea. Clearly sick of sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll, Ryle has turned to *matters geographical* and less lucrative: a book about Brazil.

Nothing doing

Loud hissing from the assorted feminist councillors at last week's conference of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities at Southport greeted a Strip-a-gram girl there to celebrate the birthday of a councillor from Tyne and Wear. Margaret Hodge, leader of Islington Council, complained yesterday: "That sort of behaviour in a male-dominated event is insulting. I shall raise the matter at the next Labour group meeting." Yesterday one of the guilty Chauvinists from Tyne and Wear just giggled.

PHS

Making the UN less anti-US

by Daniel Moynihan

What a disappointment this 40th *birthday would have been to* Franklin D. Roosevelt. We now know how much he conceded or simply left to Stalin in the final months of his life so that the United Nations would get off to a good start, not least in the high and hopeful task of creating democracies in the soon-to-be-independent colonies of the European powers.

Forty *years have passed; the* colonies are independent, but few are democracies. Most, through the non-aligned movement, are solidly linked with the totalitarian states led *by the Soviet Union.*

Contrary to what may be a general impression, Moscow of late has grown stronger, not weaker, in the United Nations in terms of the votes *it can muster. In the last General* Assembly the nonaligned countries voted with the Russians 86 per cent of the time, the highest level ever, while voting with the US 13 per cent, the lowest. In organizational terms, the non-aligned now seem permanently in thrall to the *totalitarians.*

The US reply has been a combination of anger and avoidance. In a celebrated tantrum two years ago, a member of the American mission *invited the whole organization* to sail off into the sunset. This year the Senate unilaterally decided to reduce the American contribution to the United Nations from 25 to 20 *per cent of the budget.*

Such measures can only reduce American influence in the organization. The UN budget can surely be cut, and probably should be, but to reduce America's *share, which is* measured, by its proportion of world economic production, is simply to declare the US to be a less important country than it is.

Washington's task is *to break up* the coalition of the non-aligned and Soviet bloc. It should not be hard to realign the non-aligned. They have so few real interests in common. Yet *it will not happen* until the US pays attention to voting at the United Nations.

Allow as an example a recent meeting in Beijing with Deng Xiaoping. Seven US senators made up a delegation headed by the majority leader, Robert Dole. We *were there to discuss trade and other* such matters, especially the recently signed nuclear co-operation agreement, and decided to raise the subject of the United Nations. The *task fell to me.* It was, I said, *as if* China had a "two Americas policy".

Last year China voted against the United States 89 per cent of the time – by far its most anti-American record at the *UN.* The State Department had compiled the records of 20 votes in the last General Assembly in which some particularly nasty reference to the *United States had been slipped* into a resolution, usually by the Soviet Union. In three cases China abstained. In all the others it voted with the Soviet Union.

Deng concluded the meeting by stating: "We have taken into reference the views of Congress." But will the State Department do so? Not these particular views, but the general perspective that US bilateral relations with a particular nation are necessarily affected by its attitudes toward America in international *settings?*

It is possible to learn these new politics and to learn from them. It cannot be altogether the Russians' fault that America is so relatively isolated. *Still, it is time some cost* was imposed on mindless, reflexive hostility to America at the UN.

Twenty-five years ago, Washington decided to open an embassy in *every new nation. A fine gesture, but* it did not improve America's standing with all those nations. It would do no harm to close a few of them. Let those governments pick up their foreign aid not in their capital cities but at the US mission in New York. It would provide an opportunity to *talk politics* off the floor, as we say in the Senate.

The United Nations needs a victory which will come only *if* the United States redeems some of its former influence.

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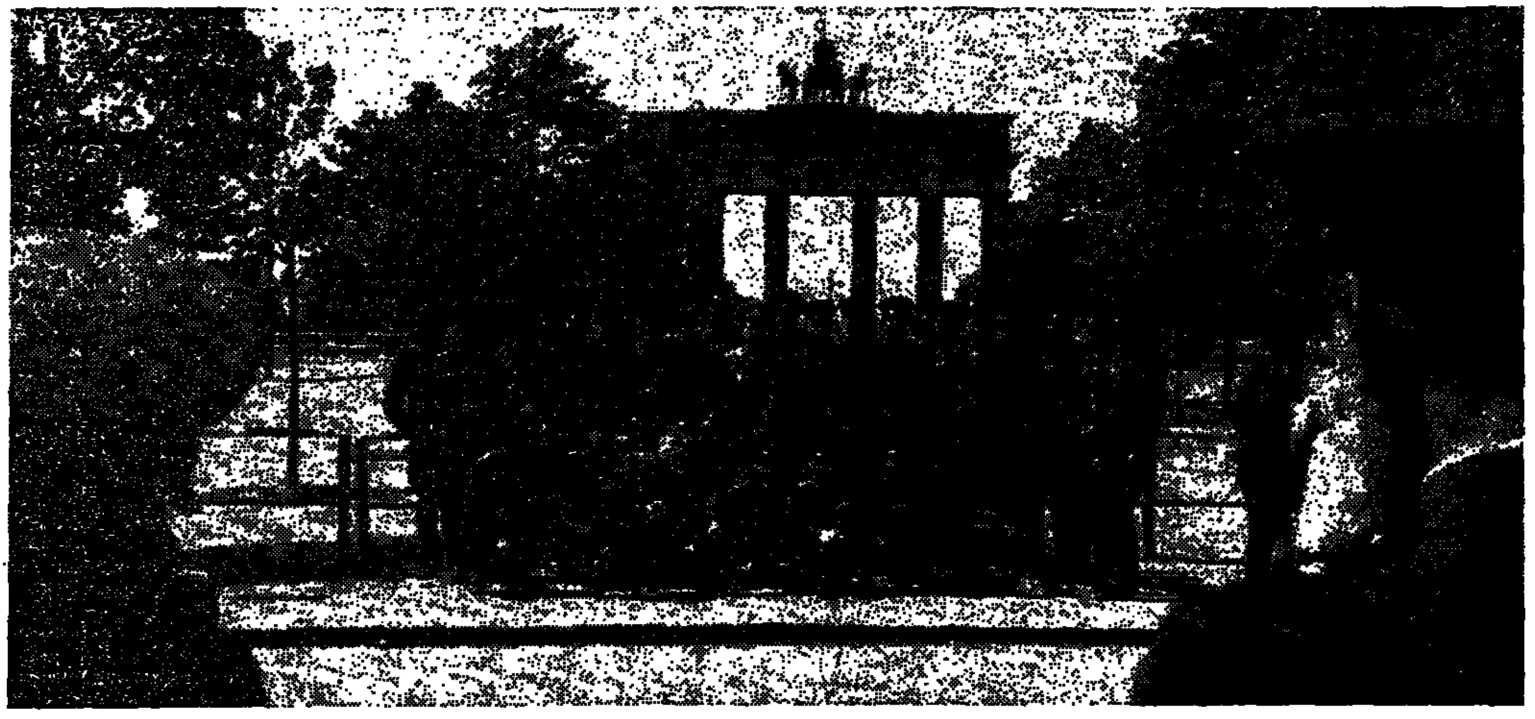
The author, a Democratic senator, was chief US delegate to the UN in 1975 and 1976.

Roger Boyes on the barren life of Soviet troops in East Germany



Off the leash: men of the Red Army (no civilian clothes allowed) pose for photographs before the Brandenburg Gate

Boredom the enemy and fear the goad

East Berlin

They shot him down, after the usual shouted, unheard warnings, outside a pharmacy. The young Soviet conscript, stationed near the East *German city of Jena, had been told* of his brother's death in Afghanistan but the company commander was adamant: no home leave for the funeral. Distraught, the soldier broke out of barracks and, waving his gun, hijacked an East German taxi and started to drive to the railway station.

He never made the funeral; not *his brother's, anyway.* A road block, manned by Soviet and East German military police, stopped him in his tracks, the bullets making a sieve of the cab.

Afghanistan looms large in the lives of the Soviet military community in East Germany. That sad, cautionary tale, relayed by recent western visitors to Jena, is more dramatic than most, but scarcely a month goes by without some report of a desertion, a violent clash in a bar. Morale, it seems, is not high on the Warsaw Pact front line. There are some 422,000 Soviet troops in East Germany – twice as many as the host army – and soldiers are constantly *shuttled into combat with* the Mujahidin. The stories seep back into barracks, like water under a door: a friend of a friend blown up in Kabul, a relative mutilated.

Only the deadweight of routine – the drill, the weapon cleaning, the political education classes, the kit inspections – can banish the sense of unease. Even the recent changeover in the top echelons of Soviet forces in Germany carries the scent of the distant war: General Pyotr Luzhev, *the new commander, was once head* of the Central Asian district involved in the planning and execution of the invasion of Afghanistan.

Life on the German front bears none of the daily hazards of the Afghan campaign. But it is hard, uncomfortable and probably, for the *average tank-man or foot soldier,* confusing. Most of the troops are housed in former Wehrmacht barracks, long draughty halls put up in a hurry 45 years ago. A block built to accommodate 150 German soldiers is now typically used as sleeping quarters for 400 or more Soviet conscripts. All dividing walls have been dismantled, all cupboards thrown out. The soldier puts his kit on a stool and his dress uniform is kept in storage. He is not allowed civilian clothes and his personal possessions have to be kept to a minimum: a photograph perhaps, his cigarette ration and a letter from home.

The soldiers have been brought up on a television diet of brave Russians killing cunning Germans (facists, to be sure, but still unmistakably Germans who shout, *in the manner of British war comics,* "ach du himmel" when shot). Yet on their brief trips outside barracks they are confronted with Germans in clothes and cars that would be envied at home, Germans who seem to be rather well off and who appear, despite the lectures of the comrade *political officer, to be less than* enthusiastic about the Soviet presence. To avoid any more damaging culture shock, almost everything is put off-limits.

On a recent trip to the race-course in Karlshorst – a suburb of East Berlin that resembles ungentrified Hackney – one could not help *noticing the two colliding worlds.* Opposite the race course, restored after the war by the Soviet military commander, is a major Russian garrison complete with officer's club and quartermasters stores. The race course itself is out of bounds for the Russians. A few yards along on the same side of the street is the Vorwaerts cinema showing a sex-and-love education film called *Beat Street* – out of bounds. Closer to the subway station, a pavement cafe *with bustling* waitresses and the smell of coffee – out of bounds.

When one encounters Soviet soldiers wandering the streets by themselves – a rare occurence, since they are usually only in groups – they seem to be staring into space like listless cosmonauts. There are barrackroom diversions but they are paltry. Soldiers are allowed to listen *to their personal radios on Sunday* afternoons – but only to Volga Radio, the Soviet military channel. They can play chess at the club and cards on the bunks.

But it is alcohol, barred from barracks, that is the real, time-honoured escape route. There have been some extravagant methods of purchase – a Soviet soldier in *Czechoslovakia recently traded in* his tank for a drink – but the customary barter deal is more mundane. Siphoned-off petrol is sold to East German motorists at cut-rate prices, and Russian watches and caviar diverted from the kitchens of the officers' mess can be converted into liquid assets.

Troop trains, notoriously slow, have also become a marketplace in Eastern Europe. The army route from Legnica, a large Soviet garrison, is a rich source of Red Army belt buckles, fur hats, warm gloves and other militaria. It is a simple matter of jumping on the train at the appropriate moment or, if the wagons are locked, passing the vodka through the window.

These are the main cracks in the wall of discipline. But those who enforce the discipline, the senior and not-so-senior officers, are rather more self-indulgent. They have more regular contacts with local East German military units and provincial dignitaries are *inclined* to sweeten the lives of the "friends". A 1957 Soviet-East German treaty gives the Russians some basic rights – military police can hunt down *deserters for example – but there is* also a network of privilege agreed between each township and the Soviet garrison. In a number of instances, Soviet officers are allowed to slaughter wildlife in adjacent forests despite hunting prohibitions.

Inside the barracks, the officers can exploit the special shops in the Voentorg system – equivalent to the British Naafi or the *American* PX – diverting carpets, crystal and electric goods long before they appear on the *shelves. The booty* is sold to East Germans or shipped home where substantial profits can be made.

The Berlin Ostbahnhof on a Sunday night, as the troop train to Leningrad draws in, presents an interesting spectacles of flushed, overweight Soviet army wives and their daughters clinging to long rolls of hessian or hi-fi boxes. A hapless *soldier loads the stuff into the* carriage, the wife kisses her husband goodbye and the train, screeching *and wailing,* leaves for mother Russia, away from that notorious theatre of East-West confrontation, the East German front.

Punjab: Gandhi's softly-softly gamble

New Delhi

Ten million Punjabis have the chance to vote today in a most unusual election. It is a free contest despite a ubiquitous police and military presence that can have no democratic parallel. The race is close. The result is open. But voters cannot express a positive choice on the most crucial issue, and one side seems to want to lose.

Punjab today is only a shadow of its old self. In 1947 the more Muslim west sector went to Pakistan in one of the bloodiest episodes of partition. What was left was again halved in 1967 when the Hindi-speaking areas were hived off into new states. Although reduced in size, however, *modern Punjab is* prosperous. It has the highest per capital income of any state. It has benefited enormously from the green revolution and boasts that with 5 per cent of India's population, it feeds 50 per cent of her people.

But prosperity has not brought peace. It was the *Sikh demands* for autonomy, articulated violently by Sant Bhindranwale, that convulsed the state and the nation last year. The storming of the Golden Temple *led to Indira Gandhi's death and,* indirectly, to her son's record triumph at the polls.

Rajiv Gandhi's first promise after his election victory was the solution *of the Punjab problem.* Against expectations, he reached an "accord" in July with one Sikh leader, Sant Longowal, which granted many Sikh demands but assured the unity of India. Sant Longowal was murdered for his pains and it seemed that the promised election, if not postponed, would be accompanied by murder and intimidation.

The contest has indeed seen an extensive security operation. Sant Longowal's successor, Surjit Barnala, received me in a fortress which he only leaves in a convoy of police cars. Thousands of soldiers surrounded the playing fields which joined a crowd of 50,000 to watch Rajiv Gandhi, flown by helicopter direct to the bullet-proof podium, deliver a 15-minute speech. In a *200-mile drive across the state,* we were checked at 20 road blocks.

Yet the election has been more orderly, and has involved less loss of life, than those in several less heralded states last December. People of all religions eat together and jostle side by side in the streets. It is the goodwill, not the tension, that strikes an outside visitor.

As a referendum on the "accord", the election cannot help yielding a favourable answer. It is a straight *fight between Rajiv Gandhi's Congress(I)* and the Sikh Akali Dal, the two parties to the accord. It does not seem likely that the "don't vote" campaign, led by the father of *Bhindranwale – the "martyr"* who died in the storming of the Golden Temple – will achieve much.

Sikhs will express their desire for peace and solidarity by actually voting – and voting for the Akali Dal, with its new voice of moderation. Hindus will follow the lead of the neighbouring states who gave a massive victory to Gandhi last December.

In this election, Gandhi the statesman prime minister must be in conflict with Gandhi the Congress politician. It seems to be in his higher interest for his party to lose. If communal peace is to be maintained, the best chance may be with a moderate Akali Dal govern*ment and not with a preeminently* Hindu Congress government, seen as being managed from Delhi. *Gandhi has campaigned in a low* key, refraining from attacks on Akali Dal, and Congress has chosen to field a weak team of candidates.

With Sikhs comprising 60 per cent of the electorate, a victory for Akali Dal would seem likely. But a *Times of India* poll on Monday reported that of voters with a decided view, 45 per cent would support Congress and only 34 per cent Akali Dal. More than a quarter of the Sikhs questioned would vote for Congress but only an eighth of the Hindus for Akali Dal. There are reasons to treat the poll with caution: another, equally doubtful, poll qualifies its pro-Congress prediction with evidence of a strong late swing to Akali Dal.

More than half the 117 seats are vulnerable to a 5 per cent swing one way or the other. That could make the difference between Congress winning a landslide victory with 90 of the 117 seats or suffering a *humiliating setback with only* 21.

The 1947 partition was a traumatic experience. Every family experienced death and dislocation. The strongest argument against Khalistan, *a separate Sikh state,* lies in the memory of what partition can mean, not just at the frontier but *throughout the land.*

My most moving experience in Punjab was in a Sikh temple in Patiala. In the warm dusk last Sunday I mingled for an hour with Sikh families *walking barefoot* through their magnificient gurdwara. A young student, home from his university in southern India, showed me around. Although obviously devout, he was shaven and unturbanned. He explained that many younger people had cut their hair – they did not believe in all the old men's ways. Then he paused and admitted that now, outside Punjab, it was not convenient to be conspicuously a Sikh. Today's vote *is* intended to produce reconciliation, but it will not persuade him to wear his turban again.

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Mend this heart – and fences

This is a tale of two Russian citizens both called Yuri. The Foreign Office says that one is a spy and insists that for the sake of future relations between Britain and the Soviet Union he should be sent back to Moscow.

The Foreign Office will not have heard of the second Yuri. I can state with some confidence that he is *not* a spy. He is just nine months old and needs heart surgery that only Great Ormond Street Hospital can perform.

I first met the older Yuri – Yuri *Kudimov, London correspondent* of *Komsomoskava Pravda* – at last year's Labour Pary conference in Blackpool. He asked for my help in understanding the way the party functioned. We went off for a meal.

After discussing block votes, Britain's first-past-the-post electoral system and *other* topics of evidently pressing interest to his readers, our talk widened out. Would a future Labour government *really* get rid of Polaris? How much did the party leadership care about what was going on in Poland and Afghanistan?

I answered as best I could and countered with a few questions of my own. If the Soviet Union agreed to retarget its missiles away from *Britain, surely it would only take a* few minutes to target them back towards Britain in a crisis?

Yuri informed me that he knew a thing or two about missile targetting. I shouldn't worry: redirecting a missile from, say, Munich to Manchester was very difficult and *couldn't be done at the flick of a* switch.

As to Afghanistan, Yuri leaned across our *small Blackpool steak*house table and told me *very confidentially* that he knew that President Chernenko was *extremely* anxious to find a settlement that would stop Afghanistan souring East-West relations.

At the end of our lunch Yuri said *he would like to see me again.* I said fine, good idea, call me any time, and promptly put the matter out of my mind. The very next week Yuri telephoned. We lunched a few days later, and again some weeks after that.

I began to find his insistence on regular contact a trifle tedious. He was neither relaxed enough to provide pleasant company nor professional enough to ask the kind of questions that a normal journalist would want answering. I could not see where it was all heading. When he next rang me I made an excuse and did not fix another date. After that our paths did not cross again.

I wish I had known he was a KGB man. I would have helped him more. Not in the sense of handing *over secrets, far less in promulgating* Chernenko's purported hopes for Afghanistan – but in taking the trouble to explain how Britain's political system functions. I would *rather the Kremlin knew* than that it remained in ignorance.

There would, of course, remain the risk that I might be taken in by Kudimov's sweet-sounding defence of Soviet policy and start writing about it. But journalists run that risk whoever they talk to. Even British *politicians have been known,* on occasion, to use journalists to further their cause. If I refused to meet anyone who might have an axe to grind or a whopper to dissemi*nate, I would lead a boring and* lonely life.

It is in the nature of journalism and, on a far larger scale, of espionage that trust is an elusive commodity. If someone is an agent, why not a double agent? If a double *agent, why not* a triple agent? If the man who controlled Yuri Kudimov was in fact working for M16, was it the Kremlin who wanted to know what I said, or our own security services? Or both? If one tried, one could gather a really cute collection of neuroses.

Yet, somehow, if East and West are to coexist, trust must start *somewhere.* Last week Mrs Thatcher expressed the hope that "we can get on with a constructive relationship with the *Soviet Union.* I have a practical suggestion to make.

Yuri Sobol was born last December in Moscow with a complex set of heart defects. Doctors in Moscow do not have the skills to operate, but surgeons at Great Ormond Street Hospital in London do. Following *my last Times column,* in which I wrote about taking our son to Moscow for a consultation about his eyesight, I was contacted by Dr Lesley Milne, a lecturer in Russian Studies at Hull University.

Dr Milne has taken up the case of baby Yuri. Full details of his diagnosis have been sent to Great Ormond Street, whose specialists have agreed to operate. The Soviet health ministry has agreed *to let* Yuri and his mother fly to London for the operation.

There is just one snag. The operation will cost £8,000 to £10,000 to perform, and Yuri's parents have no way of raising that amount of hard currency in Russia. And the *Soviet health ministry requires* a guarantee that all hard currency costs will be met before they will issue exit visas.

Ten years ago Britain and Russia signed a medical cooperation agreement. Among other things it allowed the citizens of one country to travel to the *other for free* specialist treatment "in such individual cases as both parties may agree".

At first this clause seems to have been interpreted with some degree of generosity. Shortly after it came into effect a Leningrad girl came to Great Ormond Street for a heart operation which, *like her two subsequent* check-ups, was done free. But since the invasion of Afghanistan and the banning of Solidarity in Poland, Britain has scaled down its co-operation with the Soviet Union in a number of areas including nuclear energy, agriculture, environmental pollution – and health. This change in British policy was announced by Humphrey Atkins, then Lord Privy Seal, early in 1982.

No doubt, in time, relations in *these areas will be restored. But baby* Yuri cannot wait. Great Ormond Street's judgment is that he must receive surgery within the next four months, otherwise deterioration will be irreversible.

I suppose a private benefactor might come forward to finance the operation. But surely it would be far better for Barney Hayhoe, the new Health Minister, to invoke the 1975 agreement and invite baby Yuri to London as a guest of the health service? *Not only would this offer* save a baby's life; it would demonstrate that Mrs Thatcher's call for a "constructive relationship" was seriously meant.

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Philip Norman

It's Grand walking to Church

Skid Row, New York

I awaken under pleasant gusts from the big propellor fan, to the sound of Norm N. *Knight* on CBS FM radio. After coffee, I undo the front door locks, ascend two flights, raise a trapdoor and scale the dodgy iron ladder to water my landlords' roof garden. To my left, the World Trade Centre winks and shimmers in its oddly comforting way. An enormous *bumble bee makes palpitant love* to a bending sunflower. I remember this is The Bowery only when I pick up a plastic jerrycan full of water, and it falls to pieces in my hands.

Skid Row, as usual at morning, is like the aftermath of war. The garbage is not merely deep, but *trampled and pulverized. A burned*-black derelict teeters along the yellow line in the middle of the road, *insensible to traffic shrieks.* A grizzled ancient, curled in the next doorway, wears a T-shirt inscribed "Boston Yacht Club". Not all The Bowery's bums lie prostrate at this hour. Some sit on rickety chairs in attitudes suggesting intense philosophical rumination.

Along Canal Street, the Chinese boys are hammering beds of crushed ice flat with wooden blocks, arranging huge roseate fish bodies, dragging out tubs of lobsters with claws tipped scarlet like courtesans' nails. I avert my eyes from tanks of carp and turtles, and find myself looking straight into a truck loaded with live pullets, pheasants, quail and white rabbits. Chinatown knows *no set mealtimes.* At barely 9am, all the restaurants on Bayard and Lafayette are open and busy.

The only New Yorkers I have ever envied are the old people one sees in Chinatown, floating through the market uproar on ebony sticks and little, careful feet. Their faces are *as* clear and *calm as those of* sleeping babies. You know that, with such families to look after them, they cannot have a worry in the world.

My errand is a banal one: to buy stamps and photocopy my last *Times* article. Chinatown's sub-post office, in Doyer Street, is closed. I must go on to the huge, horrible branch at Church and Canal. I take the back way over Centre Street, glancing down to the courthouse where I successfully summoned my first New York landlord by hitting him with the summons and running.

Outside Canal Street Post Office, huge, ugly dogs with idiotic expressions are tethered to the stair-rail. Inside, expecting chaos, I find cool emptiness. A black girl clerk dressed like one of the Poynter Sisters gives me a sheet of airmail stickers with my stamps, then says, *"I'll get you a folder for your stamps if you'd care for it."*

"Thank you."

"You're welcome."

Sometimes, I truly believe I am.

I buy stationery from a discount store, where a fat man chewing a wet cigar bellows furiously at all three of his assistants to run around and fetch me carbon paper and clip-fasten envelopes. I return along Canal Street, the world's most useful thoroughfare if you need a sheet of foam rubber or a second-hand dentist's chair.

I turn left up Mott Street, thinking, as always, of Lorenz Hart's words to "Manhattan" and wishing I'd written them. At Grand Street, Chinatown abruptly becomes *Little* Italy. Waiting to buy salami at Di Palo's grocery, I am jostled by a *moustachioed matriarch.* "Hey!" Mr. Di Palo, master sculptor in mozzarella, reproves her. "You may be my auntie but you still gotta wait in line!"

Crossing back into Chinatown, I buy grapes, outsize greengages and perfect nectarines, all for less than I would pay in Bayswater. *I have my Times* article photocopied at a Chinese newspaper wholesaler's, *next to the empty case of the biggest* grandfather clock I ever saw.

I return home along Grand, past that magnificent, quite unironic edifice, The Bowery Savings Bank. The burned-over derelict is still doing his tightrope act down the middle of the road. Business is booming in the restaurant supply shops and the underground noodle factories. At the rear of my loft, under the propellor fan, I can hear almost none of it. I turn on CBS FM, sit down at the table and try to think of something to write.

(More reports from The Bowery will follow).

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BLUE CARD PLAYING

It is a favourite convention in the Conservative Party to attack the presentation of a policy when the real target is the policy itself. The agenda for this year's conference contains almost a hundred motions criticising the party's communication record and the commentators have confidently added these to the more overtly critical motions in order to bolster stories about the rising discontent at the grass roots.

The trouble with conventions – as tyro bridge players quickly find to their cost – is that if you use the bid of two clubs to mean you have a fistful of aces it can be less easy to show that you have a good hand of clubs. It would be a pity if the coded calls for better presentation of policy were to have a like effect. For the Government does have a problem in getting its message across: and the solution will not simply be provided by the speech from Mr Tebbit, full of "blue-wrapped Rambograms", that was promised at the party's press conference on Monday. The Conservatives do have some aces: but they need to play the ordinary political cards more skilfully too if they are to match their increasingly confident challengers.

There is always something faintly unreal about the Tories' conference agenda. The anodyne motions which are chosen for debate are, of course, almost universally supportive of the leadership. But most of the critical motions too betray a supine attitude to the party's Byzantine structures of authority and power. Even those demands for better presentation that are not mere coded criticisms of policy read like rescue pleas to headquarters rather than calls for reinforcements of already active political troops.

The chosen motion for the Public Relations debate – from Wrekin Conservative Association – does, however, offer an unusual chance that some of the real presentational issues will be discussed. It calls for "Energetic Campaigning on the Doorstep: Effective use of Regular Newsletters: and Energetic M.P.s devoting a great deal of time to constituents' needs".

Performance in these areas so far is very patchy. Tory MPs are certainly more assiduous attenders in their constituencies than they used to be. Liberal activists at Dundee last week reported that Conservative news-letters, hitherto rare birds, were sighted more frequently on the city streets. But at a time when the Alliance is beginning to give a good impression of thoughtful membership and receptive leadership the Conservative picture is still of a party which prefers to raise money from fêtes and spend it on Rambograms from Mr Tebbit. East Surrey "congratulates H.M.G. on the record level of employment but regrets that it has been unable to convey this to the nation". This is something that East Surrey ought to be able to begin to do for itself. Someone should ask it what it has done about the problem so far.

The Prime Minister has always been more prepared to trust the voters than her colleagues have been. Her more cynical advisers are quite happy of course with the constituencies' attitude of dependence. They think that from grass roots Conservative politicians come only panic about the Alliance and pressure to change policies in the Alliance direction. They argue that Mr John Gummer – a better organiser than presenter – was never intended to lead the Party into an election and Mr Tebbit was always the man to rouse slackened spirits for the race to the polls.

Mr Tebbit is indeed the man for that job and he will be right to let the party know that only in the continuation of existing policies is the party a credible candidate for re-election. He can admit to past failures to pick up banana skins. He can parade his new cabinet colleagues, their fresh appeal to the national electorate, and their joint determination to offer a vigorous and united front against the oppositions. But the chances of the Government record getting a vigorous defence on the doorsteps depends on more than Mr Tebbit's rhetorical skills and successful cabinet reshuffles. It would be better to realise it – and, of course, be seen to realise it.

CROWN COCKROACHES

The cockroach file on hospital kitchens is now creepy enough to cause their Crown exemption from the full procedures of hygiene inspection and enforcement to be called in question. They are exempt by virtue of the agency relationship health authorities have with the Department of Health and Social Security. The sheaf of regulatory statutes concerning health, safety, fire, town and country planning and much else all make an exception, to varying extent and by one means or another, of premises occupied by government departments and their outliers. It is the usual practice, as in the case of hospitals, to apply the general standards, and often to bring in the public inspectors, provided for in the legislation. But the means of enforcement and sanctions provided for use elsewhere do not apply to them.

The days are gone, if they ever came, when government was sufficiently compact and scrupulously administered to be relied upon to observe in its own operations the regulatory standards it imposes on others. If the effect of Crown exemption is not actually to induce slackness, it does nothing to dispel imputations of it. It is partly for that reason that the National Association of Health Authorities, for one, would like to be given the appearance of stricter obligation towards standards of hygiene and safety by the removal of Crown exemption. It could happen too that the kitchen of the local hospital remains in a worse state than that of the take-away next door because the hospital, with other claims of undeniable urgency on its limited resources, does not have its choice made for it by the threat of legal sanctions.

The Crown exemption is traceable to the old axiom that the King can do no wrong, which in the language of practice meant that the Crown cannot be got at in the Crown's courts. That doctrine, never absolute, has been considerably eroded. First a clear distinction came to be drawn between the Crown in the person of the Sovereign and the Crown as inherent in His Majesty's government. The immunities of the former were preserved while those of the latter were subject to progressive limitation.

Means of enforcing the performance of duty and means of redress through the courts did not become easily accessible until the Crown Proceedings Act of 1947 removed the Crown's immunity from liability in tort. That was followed by a series of judicial decisions restricting the scope of Crown privilege, which is a right exercised by ministers of the Crown to withhold matter relevant to proceedings by certification that it would be contrary to the public interest to disclose it. The same judicial spirit issued in greater willingness to bring executive discretion under review. All this amounts to a significant postwar development of the law to the end of making the actions of government more amenable to the supervision of the courts.

It would be in line with that development to bring under scrutiny the different ways in which Crown premises are exempted from the regulatory paraphernalia that apply to all other similar premises – offices, shops, workshops, hospitals, canteens, historic buildings... As for cockroaches, there is no very obvious reason for standards inspection and enforcement of hygiene thought proper for private hospitals to be any different for public hospitals; or for the obligation on a hospital to achieve cleanliness in catering to be less onerous than the obligation on a seaside café.

The objection that the loss of Crown exemption might mean an inferior authority (a county council) enjoining action on a superior authority (a ministry) is not impressive to the layman. There may be more difficulty surrounding the prosecution of a department of state or its agents, not, in instances so remote from Buckingham Palace, because of misgivings at the Crown appearing as defendant in the Crown's courts, but because there is always something artificial about a fine on one of the Exchequer's clients: it is shuffling money from one public pouch to another. But it would seldom come to that; a statutory obligation plus the possibility of a court hearing would generally be enough to secure compliance. In many cases the half-way house of the Health and Safety at Work Act might suffice, where the provisions bind the Crown, less the bits about enforcement.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A due regard for Liverpool

From Mrs Terry Phillips

Sir, The first part of your leader, "Mersey martyrs" (September 21) showed a welcome awareness of the underlying financial problems which would have faced the City of Liverpool, regardless of who was in power.

However, I disagree on two points. Firstly, you talk blithely of "possibly irreversible decline". It is this comfortable belief in decline by well-heeled members of the community, who usually live in the south of England, that has bred the despair of the dispossessed and led to political extremism.

The failure of Liverpool is a failure of capitalism, one of its unacceptable faces. Liverpool's future can only lie in successful private enterprise. If the rationale of the Government's policies rests on private enterprise working then it must be seen to work everywhere. If it doesn't work everywhere, the Government must intervene with real determination to see that it does.

Secondly you ignore two significant elements – the fact, observed by David Alton in his letter of September 18, that more people voted against the Labour Militants than for them; and the additional factor of the inhabitants of the dormitory suburbs who are dependent on the city for their income – incidentally in many cases returning Conservative MPs.

You then go on to assert that "the results of this mismanagement must now be seen, despite the cost to Liverpudlians". No, Sir, they must not. This Government is as surely the Government of Liverpool as it is the Government of Kingston upon Thames, and it has no right to condemn any of its citizens to such suffering in order to obtain long-term political advantage. If it does so, it is pursuing exactly the same tactics as those you condemn.

Yours faithfully,
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US nuclear defences

From Dr Robert McGeehan

Sir, There is one thing missing from your fine leader of September 20 on SDI (strategic defence initiative). This is the grain of salt with which Daniel Ford's argument about the vulnerability of US nuclear defence must be taken.

After the grim suggestions of the first two articles in this series (September 17, 18) it was surprising that the author bothered to put the final instalment ("Will the Americans strike first?" September 19) in the form of a question.

I would warn your readers not to take too seriously any strategic detective who believes that Pershing II missiles deployed in West Germany can reach Moscow (they cannot) and that SIOP stands for "Single integrated optional plan" (the O is for operations).

Beyond these errors of ignorance lies a conceptual one. Short of a highly unlikely willingness to risk suicide, the conclusion that because the US command and communications structure is flawed, this provides the clue that America would launch a nuclear first strike is analytically ridiculous.

Of course SDI makes good sense to explore, but meanwhile MAD (mutually assured destruction) is hardly as fragile as *The Button* mistakenly suggests.

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The viewers' view

From Lord Willis

Sir, Simon Barnes should be awarded a special punters' medal for his excellent article on September 18. It is surely time that the television authorities and the football clubs settled their squabble and gave the viewers a look-in. It is possible that there was too much televised football in the past but to go from overkill to almost nothing is ridiculous.

We are told that the crux of the argument is about the number of live games to be shown. With an eye on dipping attendances, the clubs are naturally wary of any extension. The television bosses want more, basing their case on the doubtful argument that there is now no demand for recorded football.

I suspect this to be a case of severe wish fulfilment. If you put football on late at night, or on Sunday at a time when most of your potential audience are sitting down to a family lunch, the ratings are going to sag. Would live football fare any better at such a time? No. The argument has all the scent of a deliberate tactic, designed to force the hand of the football authorities.

There is a substantial audience who want to see some football (not too much) on television, whether live or recorded or a mixture of both. These people contribute to the licence fee and pay, indirectly, for the advertising that funds ITV, and they have a right to be considered. Meanwhile, millions of people outside the UK can watch British football from the comfort of their armchairs while we wait.

Perhaps the new Minister for Sport could intervene and bang a few heads together?

Yours truly,
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House of Lords.
September 19.

Doubts about Labour investment bank

From the Chairman of Hanson Industries.

Sir, The shadow Chancellor's plan for a National Investment Bank, funded by the sequestration, no less, of moneys currently invested overseas, has attracted much informed comment from journalists and economists (report and feature, September 20). May I express the view of an ordinary businessman who, over the past 21 years, the last 12 of them in the United States, has attempted to play his part in the creation of national wealth, rather than its profligate dissipation which appears to be Mr Hattersley's, albeit unknowing, intention.

There are more holes in his basic arguments for repatriating all but 5 per cent of the nation's investment portfolio than there are in a Swiss cheese (And a stronger smell?).

He claims that, since the abolition of exchange controls in 1979, vast sums of money have flowed abroad, thus draining the home economy of much needed resources. Since the 16th century this specious argument has been repeatedly refuted, most recently by Lord Cromer. In fact, less than 15 per cent of the total national portfolio is invested abroad, leaving £200 billion invested in the UK, with more available from both British and foreign banks for viable projects, not crackpot schemes designed to create false and temporary employment in the pursuit of votes.

Mr Hattersley blames the high rate of unemployment on a reluctance by the City to invest in British industry except at very high rates of interest. Has he conveniently forgotten that, not very long ago, a committee headed by that eminent socialist, Lord Wilson, stated that the City had neither created the problem nor had it in their power to solve it?

This view was endorsed by the TUC, who blamed the dearth of potentially viable projects and the entrenched attitudes of both management and workforce. But if the City *is* to blame, in Mr Hattersley's opinion, from where will he recruit those who are to run the NIB? Let us hope they will not be amateur economists like himself.

Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* has it that "Comparisons are odorous", but may I cite the experience of my own company, which is by no means unique.

In 1963, an embryonic Hanson Trust had an issued share capital of under £200,000. Ten years later we sent £3,000 (the maximum allowed under exchange control regulations) to the USA and founded Hanson Industries. Today, Hanson Trust is valued at just under £3 billion and of our pre-tax profit in 1984 of £223 million, the US subsidiary contributed over £100 million. Lack of City confidence? Overseas investment draining the national economy? What nonsense.

But the business sector apart, the shadow Chancellor's proposals may have more sinister implications for future pensioners, part of whose savings are profitably invested abroad by their pension funds. These repatriated foreign investments would be in the hands of a Chancellor who, only last week, invited local councils to prepare their shopping lists for Government handouts. This should be remembered at the polling booths at the next election.

Earlier this year I described this proposed financial idiocy as "Hattersley's redprint for ruin". Nothing since then has made me change that view.

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Virtues of PR

From Mr Austin Mitchell, MP for Great Grimsby (Labour)

Sir, Jack Straw really shouldn't knock down Straw men on proportional representation when he's got nothing better to write about (feature, September 4). To answer his question, what's fair about PR is that it gives everyone a more equal value and does justice between the parties, making Parliament genuinely representative of the wishes of the people.

Yet what's so fair about a present system which provides strong government (and that mainly to Conservatives, rarely to Labour) by disfranchising most of the electorate? Only a masochist would reject the opportunity of mobilising that majority of the country opposed to the Conservatives and even more so to Thatcherism in order to give Mrs Thatcher an increased majority on a falling vote and a majority so big it can steamroller anything through when most of the electorate voted against her.

Jack Straw ignores this beam to belabour motes in elderly and defunct PR systems no one wants for this country. Had Weimar had first-past-the-post, Hitler would have been in power much earlier. Instability in fourth republic France and in Italy springs from the relegation of the communists to a ghetto, not from the electoral system.

Choice of electoral system is a matter of pay advantage. Yet that is as much true of Rocard's defence of the first-past-the-post as it is of Mitterrand's lurch to PR. Perhaps the real question we should ask is why a system like ours, which penalises third party voting, generates a bigger third party vote than that in comparable countries with PR.

Perhaps the electorate are trying to tell us something. The polls indicate that the message is that they don't like the present system and prefer PR. So, too, do an increasing number of people in the Labour Party who see that we have a higher destiny than clinging to outdated prejudices to keep us warm in the impotence of opposition.

Yours faithfully,
AUSTIN MITCHELL, Chairman,
Labour Campaign for
Electoral Reform,
House of Commons.
September 6.

Retirement anomalies

From Commander A. T. Rees, RN (retd)

Sir, While one can only agree that there is clearly discrimination against female employees who are required to retire at the age of 60 when their male colleagues may continue in full employment until they reach the age of 65 (report, September 19), is there not a case for a much wider review of the law regarding retirement?

At the time of my retirement some three years ago, at the age of 65, Lord Carrington was appointed to the secretaryship of Nato at approximately the same age. Why, I asked myself, is he mentally and physically fit to take upon himself such an important appointment while I am not considered fit to carry out my humble duty as a school teacher?

In the professional field there are countless anomalies of a similar nature – teachers, civil servants and others have no choice but to retire at 60–65, while ministers of religion, lawyers, doctors may evidently carry on indefinitely.

I had no wish to continue teaching beyond the age of 65 and am happy in my retirement, but I am not at all happy that discrimination is practised, not only against women but against men and women in certain categories of employment. We do need to re-think the retirement situation.

Yours truly,
A. T. REES,
35 Seaview Road,
Broadstairs,
Kent.
September 19.

Funding pensions

From Mr Stuart M. Southall

Sir, The City Editor's article (September 6) on the announcement by Lucas Industries that it is to suspend contributions to its pension scheme highlights an interesting phenomenon but his criticisms are misleading in a number of respects.

Many pension schemes have seen an appreciable improvement in their financial position during recent years, principally because of historically high investment returns relative to salary inflation and depletion of their membership. As a result the level of funding of many schemes is such that remedial action is required.

The Inland Revenue will not tolerate the maintenance of excessive untaxed reserves. The Controller of the Inland Revenue's superannuation funds office has stated that "the Revenue have no prescriptive right to require provision of additional benefits" and that "if an excess surplus can be reduced to an acceptable level by reducing contributions for a period of, say, five years or less then the scheme will generally be required to take that course.".

The Financial Secretary to the Treasury reiterated this view in answer to a parliamentary question on July 26. Indeed Gomme Holdings (referred to in your columns on September 5) are to enjoy just such a contribution holiday.

In times of unfavourable experience an employer may be required to increase his long-term contribution or make a cash injection to his pension scheme whilst the employees' contribution rate invariably remains unchanged. Lucas' contribution holiday is clearly the converse situation.

Yours faithfully,
STUART M. SOUTHALL,
Duncan C. Fraser & Co,
Barber-Surgeons' Hall,
Monkwell Square, EC2.
September 10.

Religion in Nepal

From the Director of Amnesty International

Sir, In his letter of September 3, the Nepalese Ambassador accurately quotes the Constitution of Nepal as allowing that "an individual can freely practise his/her faith at home or place of worship according to tradition.".

However, according to Amnesty International's information, Nepalese Christians have been arrested solely for participating in religious activities and peacefully professing their religious beliefs. For example, in mid-May, 1984, 12 persons attending a bible school in Pokhara, Dadeldura district were arrested by local police authorities. Released on bail, eight of them were convicted by the Dadeldura District Court in March, 1985, to six months' imprisonment. They are currently on bail awaiting appeal to a higher court.

Arrests in similar circumstances have continued during 1985. Between January and May at least 22 Nepalese Christians are reported to have been arrested in different parts of the country.

Amnesty International has expressed its concern on these matters to the Government of Nepal on several occasions, but has received no response.

Yours faithfully,
JANET JOHNSTONE, Director,
Amnesty International,
British Section,
5 Roberts Place,
off Bowling Green Lane, EC1.
September 12.

Unwilling to be repatriated

From Mr Labi Siffre

Sir, Enoch Powell's latest repatriation speech (September 20) has made me very, very angry.

I can assure Mr Powell that I have no intention whatsoever of being repatriated to Hammersmith (Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, W6, to be precise).

If, however, Mr Powell and/or his supporters would care to send me a certified cheque for any sum in excess of £750,000 I *might* consider spending the rest of my days on some sun-soaked tropical isle. On the other hand, I might not. The decision must be mine.

Yours faithfully,
LABI SIFFRE,
Pitchings,
Spurt Street,
Cuddington,
nr Aylesbury,
Buckinghamshire.
September 23.

Teaching of Chinese

From the Headmaster of the European School, Culham

Sir, In 1961, 30 newly created secondary schools were invited to send representatives to a conference organised by the United Kingdom Unesco Commission and other interested bodies, where they were urged to introduce Chinese or Arabic to the curriculum.

With the help of the School of Oriental and African Studies, the Oriental Institute in Oxford, the Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate and the support of an enlightened director of education and his committee in Berkshire, the John Mason School in Abingdon developed Chinese in the 1960s to O and A levels and over two decades has sent a number of its pupils on to universities to read Oriental Studies.

In the school Chinese was popular, some classes being over-subscribed, and it became significant in the careers of a number of young people.

After 22 years Chinese has now disappeared from John Mason School. The Oxfordshire Education Committee (having taken over the school in 1974) has found itself unwilling or unable to support the subject further. The teacher, a trained graduate in Chinese, has had to look elsewhere for work.

The nearby European School at Culham, where Chinese is taught as a minor subject for the European Baccalaureate, will also have to give it up in 1986 because the local resource base and teacher have gone.

Only at Easthampstead Park School, in Berkshire, a county authority which has always been broad-minded in this respect, is a far-seeing headmaster maintaining Chinese in the main school curriculum. Where are the representatives of the other 29 schools from 1961? Is it so difficult to look into the next century?

He who cares for European relationships with China, the Arab states (and Japan?) in the future ought surely now to reflect upon the challenge of that small conference nearly 25 years ago.

Yours etc,
DERRICK HURD,
Headmaster,
The European School,
Culham,
Abingdon,
Oxfordshire.
September 18.

Hung Parliament

From Dr C. F. Forsyth

Sir, According to Sir James Cable's own account (September 20), Bonar Law had not accepted the King's invitation to form a government when the King indicated his unwillingness to dissolve Parliament. He was not, therefore, Prime Minister at the time and the incident does not provide a modern precedent for the refusal of a dissolution *to a Prime Minister*, surely the only kind of refusal of constitutional consequence.

There are, however, modern precedents for the refusal of a dissolution from the dominions: Lord Byng's refusal of a dissolution to Mackenzie King in Canada in 1926 and Sir Patrick Duncan's refusal of a dissolution to General Hertzog in South Africa in 1939.

Yours faithfully,
C. F. FORSYTH,
Robinson College,
Cambridge.
September 20.

Parkinson's disease

From Mr C. A. A. Kilmister

Sir, Your Science Editor, Pearce Wright, reported (September 10) on a meeting of neuroscientists in Oxford under the heading "Brain surgery advance suggests cure for Parkinson's Disease".

In fact, Swedish doctors appear more impressed by their own results from transplant surgery than are their counterparts in this country. Our own specialists advise me that the progress of the Swedish patients concerned is no greater than it would have been had they avoided the obvious risks of this particular surgical operation and received drug therapy instead.

Such cell transplants do nothing to arrest the disease itself. Research into sub-human models has not progressed to a stage where one could recommend transplant surgery for human patients. The *cause* of Parkinson's Disease still eludes us and the replacement cells would be just as subject to the deterioration as were the original cells.

I remain Sir, your obedient servant,
C. A. A. KILMISTER,
Executive Director,
Parkinson's Disease Society,
36 Portland Place, W1.
September 17.

ON THIS DAY

SEPTEMBER 25 1930

The first night of an evergreen work by 'The Master'. Coward said that it looked the easiest of his comedies to act, but was actually the hardest; he was "deeply attached to Private Lives *or although it has always been patronised by the American and British critics, it has also been enthusiastically and profitably patronised by the public wherever and in whatever language it has been played". Our Dramatic Critic was Charles Morgan (1894-1958).*

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PHOENIX THEATRE

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"PRIVATE LIVES"

BY NOEL COWARD

Sybil Chase	ADRIANNE ALLEN
Elyot Chase	NOEL COWARD
Victor Prynne	LAURENCE OLIVIER
Amanda Prynne	GERTRUDE LAWRENCE
Louise (a Maid)	EVERLEY GREGG

On the adjoining balconies of a French hotel are two couples married this morning – Amanda with Victor, Sybil with Elyot. Now, it happens that five years ago Elyot and Amanda were divorced because they loved each other so much that they were for ever quarrelling. They meet on the balcony; they discuss two champagne cocktails and the spouses to whom they were this morning linked; they dither, embrace, and flee. That is the first act, an omelette relatively rich in eggs. In Paris they quarrel, and that is the second act. Next morning Sybil and Victor, having breakfasted, quarrel likewise, and that is the third. And yet what an entertaining play it is! Mr. Coward has an unsurpassed gift for combining entertainment with nothingness.

And he does it with two characters, though there appear to be four; for he depends scarcely at all on Victor and Sybil, and has, indeed, spent so little of his wit on them that, until at last they sit down to an irresistibly droll breakfast party, Mr. Olivier and Miss Allen have their work cut out to prevent two people, intended to be dull in life, from being dull on the stage. The evening thus consists in three scenes – a love-scene on the balcony; a bicker and a free fight on a sofa; and another fight (breakfast included) among the *débris* of the previous engagement. Marvellously, they are enough. Amanda and Elyot are the fine, flippant flower of Mr. Coward's talent. What would happen if the parts were indifferently well played we tremble to think, but Miss Gertrude Lawrence has a brilliant sparkle and an extraordinary skill in embellishing speech with silence, Mr. Coward's wayward mannerisms have here their most fitting background, and the dialogue which might seem in print a trickle of inanities becomes in the theatre a perfectly timed and directed interplay of nonsense.

There are moments when even Mr. Coward falters. Before the quarrel reaches its climax the play, because there is nothing else to happen and the author's patter is exhausted, is temporarily converted into a concert party; and again, before breakfast, the patter nearly peters out. But Mr. Coward can pad as no one else can pad; he has made of dramatic upholstery an art and provides a delightful support for our utmost laziness. Some day, perhaps, he will invite us to more austere pleasure; we must be content to await the passing of his determination to be defiantly young. "Let's be superficial and pity the poor Philosophers," says Elyot in a moment of solemnity. "Let's blow trumpets and squeakers and enjoy the party as much as we can. . . . Come and kiss me darling, before your body rots, and worms pop in and out of your eye sockets." If there were people who spoke like that about the time of the Peace of Versailles, have they not since grown up?

State of the Church

From Canon Martin Thornton

Sir, Following Mr Longley's article today (September 16), might I ask what evidence the Archbishop of Canterbury has for the sweeping assertion that "members of the Church do not want dis-establishment. ... Most members of the Church feel that we have been given the necessary authority and independence to order our affairs."?

My guess, which in the absence of firm evidence is as good as his, is that vast numbers of loyal Anglicans remain worried, distressed and concerned at our undisciplined administration of the sacraments – Holy Communion as well as baptism and matrimony – and the ultra-establishment attitude which accepts and even encourages the absurd, and ultimately blasphemous, status of the "occasional churchgoer."

The New Testament knows nothing of the occasionally committed disciple. All of which is symptomatic of the spiritual anaemia growing out of establishment, and which cannot be dismissed as "ideology".

But if my guess is as good as the archbishop's, should we not both stop guessing and call for more solid evidence? The whole vital question might be subject to a serious sociological survey, to theological principle – which is also not "ideology" – and to prolonged synodical debate.

It is of far greater consequence, not least for the Church's impact on national life, than most of the things currently on the agenda.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN THORNTON,
73 Hermitage Street,
Crewkerne,
Somerset.
September 16.

Slow a-going

From Mr J. G. Bagley

Sir, Your revelation (Anniversaries, September 16) that Henry V resigned between 1413 and 1422 simply confirms the view of those of us who maintain that it was Laurence Olivier who led the English to victory at Agincourt.

Yours sincerely
J. G. BAGLEY
64 Gallants Farm Road,
East Barnet,
Hertfordshire.
September 18.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 24: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Corps of Signals, this morning visited the 10th Signal Regiment's Headquarters at Erskine Barracks, Wilton, Wiltshire and afterwards was entertained at luncheon in the Officers' Mess.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Master of Signals (Major General J. M. W. Badcock) and the Commanding Officer, 10th Signal Regiment (Lieutenant-Colonel M. A. Thorne).

In the afternoon The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips visited Squadrons at Aldershot and at Chelsea Barracks, and in the evening was entertained at dinner in the Officers' Mess, Chelsea Barracks.

Her Royal Highness, attended by the Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 24: The Princess of Wales this afternoon visited the Chinese Community Centre, Gerrard Street, London, W1.

Viscountess Campden and Mr Victor Chapman were in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
September 24: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Hon Angus Ogilvy, this afternoon unveiled the Memorial to members of the Metropolitan Police Force, which has been erected by the Police Memorial Trust, in Hans Crescent, SW1.

Miss Mona Mitchell was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, Vice-Patron of the Royal Over-Seas League, was present this evening at a Reception held at Over-Seas House, St James's, to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the League.

Lady Angela Whiteley was in attendance.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of John B. Hyde will be held in the Crypt Chapel, St Paul's Cathedral, EC4, at 11.30am on Wednesday, October 30, 1985.

Birthdays today

Mr N. W. Ayrton, 61; Mr Ronnie Barker, 56; Mr Leon Brittan, QC, MP, 46; Lord Crawshaw of Aintree, 68; Sir Peter Crossman, 77; Sir Colin Davis, 58; Sir Robert Fairbairn, 75; Sir John Farr, MP, 63; Sir David Hunt, 72; Miss Felicity Kendal, 39; Mr J. Mac G. K. Kendall-Carpenter, 60; Sir Robert Muldoon, CH, 64; Mr Timothy Severin, 45; Commandant Daphne Swallow, WRNS, 53.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr David Allsop to be secretary to the Occupational Pensions Board and controller of the board's executive office, on promotion to assistant secretary, in succession to Mrs Hilary Langley.

The following have been appointed by the Independent Broadcasting Authority and the Cable Authority to the Advertising Advisory Committee: Mr Anthony Bracking, chairman of the Code of Advertising Practice Committee, Mr John Ferguson, secretary and registrar of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain from October 1, Mr Ron Gray, chairman of Lever Brothers, Mrs Anthea Secker, a governor of Barnado's School for Girls.

Dinner

Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators of London

The Lord Mayor presented the annual awards of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators at a dinner given by the guild and presided over by the Master, Mr Tom Brooke-Smith, at the Mansion House, yesterday. The Prince Philip Helicopter Rescue award was received by Lieutenant Commander N. R. Thomson RN, Lieutenant Commander J. J. White, RN and Leading Aircrewman J. J. Doyle on behalf of helicopter crews of 826 Naval Air Squadron and HMS Endurance; Captain John L. Testrake was the first recipient of the Master's Medal for distinguished conduct.

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WALTER HINES PAGE AND CHAUTAUQUA SCHOLARSHIPS. The competition for these travelling scholarships for teachers closes on *30 November 1985.*

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FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

A Conference will be held at the Commonwealth Institute (7-9 November 1985) on "The Future of the English Language in the Commonwealth" and seminars are being organised in Hamburg (17-20 October), and Hong Kong (9-11 December). The 1985 Churchill Lecture will be held on the 6 December at the Guildhall, London.

For further information write to:
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The Mayor of Canterbury, Mrs Hazel McCabe (sitting centre), with the sheriffs and their supporters.

Sheriffs stage a comeback to their former glory

England's sheriffs have launched a campaign to arrest the decline in their status which began 657 years ago. The passing of the Justices of the Peace Act, 1328, stripped the holders of the ancient office of their judicial powers and ever since the status of sheriff in England's ancient boroughs has slipped downhill. Not to be confused with their more exalted brothers, the high sheriffs of the shire counties, the sheriffs have been reduced in the eighties to a ceremonial role. But a meeting in Canterbury has just seen *the start of what the remaining 15* holders of the office hope will be a resurgence of their collective fortunes. The National Association of City and Town Sheriffs of England is led by Mr Andrew Gravells, a former sheriff of Gloucester. Founded in April, its *members met to plan a strategy*

Mr Gravells, aged 33, a value-added tax inspector, said: "Our most important task is to persuade those cities and towns which have abolished the title to reintroduce it, and then to promote the traditions of sheriff for the *purposes of tourism. It is the oldest* civic office in the land". Mr Gravells' successor, Mr David Short, a Labour councillor, caused controversy earlier this year by refusing to wear his robe of office because he said the fur trimming was "offensive". At *the weekend meeting* Mr Michael Bartram, Sheriff of York, was elected vice-chairman, Mr Tom Steele, Sheriff of Canterbury, secretary, and Mrs Linda Cooper, former Sheriff of Norwich, treasurer of the new association.

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr N. D. P. Gillett
and Miss H. Brooks**

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Sir Robin and Lady Gillett, of Knightsbridge, London, and Haylie, elder daughter of Mr & Mrs Dennis Brooks, of Abertawe, West Glamorgan.

**Mr W. M. Day
and Miss K. S. Gardener**

The engagement is announced between William, eldest son of Sir Derek and Lady Day, of Goudhurst, Kent, and Ottawa, and Kate, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W. J. Gardener, of Hastingleigh, Kent.

**Mr A. A. P. Fairhead
and Miss E. E. Duckworth**

The engagement is announced between Adam, elder son of Mr and Mrs Alastair Fairhead, of Send, Surrey, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hamilton Duckworth, of Bessels Green, Kent.

**Mr M. G. Franklin
and Miss F. M. James**

The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Captain (RN retd) and Mrs John Franklin, of Tilford, Surrey, and Fiona, younger daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel (retd) and Mrs Alan James, of Southborough, Tunbridge Wells.

**Dr A. K. Harris
*and Miss T. K. W. Au-Yeung***

The engagement is announced between Anthony, elder son of Mr and Mrs K. C. Harris, of Bourne End, Buckinghamshire, and Terese, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs F. M. K. Au-Yeung, of Kowloon, Hong Kong.

**Mr G. R. Pigache
*and Miss S. J. Field***

The engagement is announced between Guy, only son of Dr R. Pigache, of Strasbourg, France, and Mrs P. Pigache, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and Susan, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. E. Field, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

***Mr J. T. Shaw*
and Miss A. Hawthornthwaite**

The engagement is announced between Timothy, eldest son of the late A. T. Shaw and Mrs A. T. Shaw, of Worcester, and Anne, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Richard Hawthornthwaite, of Wyke, Bradford.

Marriages

**Mr M. C. Cowdrey
and Lady Herries of Terregles**

The marriage has taken place in Sussex between Mr Colin Cowdrey and Lady Herries of Terregles.

**Mr B. Chesterton
and Miss C. Travers**

The marriage took place in Richmond, Surrey, on Saturday of Mr Blake Chesterton, son of Mrs Lois Chesterton, of Victoria, *Canada*, and Miss Catherine Travers, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ben Travers, of Roehampton, London.

**Mr G. C. Sparshatt
*and Miss L. M. Pay***

The marriage took place on Saturday, September 21, at the Priory Church of St Mary and St Blaise, Boxgrove, West Sussex, *between Mr Richard Giles Chandos* Sparshatt, Royal Corps of Signals, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Gordon Sparshatt, of Newmeadow, Prinsted, Emsworth, Hampshire and Miss Louise Marion Pay, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John C W Pay, of Ashness, Nutbourne, West Sussex. The Rev David S R Wills, a friend of the bride's family, *officiated*, assisted by the Rev Bryan J Marshall, Vicar of Boxgrove.

The bride who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of ivory Thai silk. She was attended by her sister, Rebecca Pay, Michelle Griffiths, Lara Faulkner and Georgette Woolgar. Mr Stephen Sparshatt was best man.

A reception was held at Goodwood House and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

**Mr A. M. Storer
and Miss J. I. C. Law**

The marriage took place on Saturday, September 7, 1985, at Dalmeny Kirk of Mr Andrew *Martin Storer, son of the late* Mr Thomas Storer and Mrs Anne Storer, of Teddington, Middlesex to *Miss Jennifer Isabel Couper Law*, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Graham Law, of Easter, Society, South Queensferry. The Rev Ivor Gibson officiated.

**Dr J. M. W. Simpson
and Miss M. T. O'Kelly**

The marriage took place on Saturday, September 14, 1985, at the *Church of the Sacred Heart*, Fareham, between Dr Mark Simpson, second son of Dr and Mrs R. Wallace Simpson, of Salisbury, and Miss Maeve O'Kelly, eldest daughter of Surgeon Rear-Admiral and Mrs F. J. O'Kelly, of Stubbington, Hampshire, and Hong Kong.

Police move to protect wildlife

**From Peter Evans
*Torquay***

Essex police and other forces have *appointed liaison* officers to help to curb offences against protected wildlife and wild flowers.

Chief Supt Terry Rands, Essex's *wildlife liaison* officer, reminded the Police Superintendents' Association annual conference in Torquay that it was an offence, save in special *circumstances, to uproot* any wild flower.

The badgers Act, 1973, created offences designed to protect them. Mr Rands said *that in many* areas badger groups had been established to monitor and supervise known sets and to mount patrols to observe and protect them.

They were not vigilante patrols but usually operated with the full knowledge of the local police. Properly used they could enable the police to achieve even more with limited resources.

The emphasis was not on prosecution over wildlife but rather on education, as many who infringed the law did so from ignorance rather than *deliberate intent*, he said.

Alternative means of policing, including the formation of specialized wildlife enforcement agencies such as existed in some *states in America and Australia*, had been proposed but most such proposals were destined to fail on financial grounds.

Archaeology

Hurdle-makers of the Levels

The Somerset *Levels are the richest* archaeological wetland in England, where discoveries in the peat over the past 100 years have ranged from neolithic longbows, predating the medieval English bow by 3,000 years, to the Iron Age settlements of Glastonbury and Meare West.

But *recent* EEC encouragement for the creation of more arable land has caused untold damage to the *area and its flora and fauna.*

For over a decade, the Somerset Levels Project has been retrieving prehistoric *evidence of wooden* trackways, platforms and settlements in advance of their destruction by peat-cutting, or desiccation by land drainage.

Archaeologists work closely with the peat-cutting companies, as the peat is lowered year by year, and as new areas for cutting are initiated.

Archaeological structures once lying on the surface of the raised bogs, fen woodland and reed swamps, subsequently and rapidly submerged by peat formation, are *regularly* revealed by cutting, and the project is commissioned to discover and recover the evidence *before it perishes.*

In recent months, evidence has been recovered of a long-running tradition in the *Levels* of *hurdle* making.

In the peats are buried the earliest known *hurdles* in western Europe, preserved completely by waterlogging.

The project has extended the industry back to the fourth millennium BC, with other *examples of the third*, second and first millenia: in medieval times, there are many references to hurdles and their stands of coppiced alder and hazel. As Somerset today is one of the prime producers of fencing panels, it seems that we have evidence for an industry in existence for 6,000 years.

To make hurdles requires straight poles and rods of hazel and alder, *most easily provided in quantity* from managed woodland. Again in the peats of the Levels the project *has recovered good evidence for the* yield from such management practices extending back almost to the fifth *millennium* BC, the earliest documented instance in the world.

One of this year's suprises was the discovery that a wooden track thought to have been almost totally destroyed by peat-cutting still survived in a small recoverable area on Meare Heath.

The Bronze Age structure was laid over a soggy bog.

The project excavation ended *near the edge of a pool* into which the track's builders had seemingly tipped unwanted debris.

From there wooden artefacts were recovered in immaculate condition, among the handles, clubs, wedges, *stakes and broken beams, as well as* one or two enigmatic objects which elsewhere might pass as "ritual". More *prosaic explanations* are still sought.

The condition of the more ordinary wooden components of the track, if Bronze Age woodwork is ever ordinary, is extremely fine, and a wealth of carpentry detail is available.

Bronze axes used on some of the pieces had damaged blades, and the furrows or ridges left on the wood *give "signatures" for individual* axes.

Earlier still and perhaps the oldest *built* roadway in the world, is the Sweet Track, a structure one and a half miles long and built about 6,000 years ago.

Now destroyed in parts, but preserved by scheduling as an ancient monument in other peat-fields, the track provides the clearest evidence in Britain for Early Neolithic forest clearance, the elm decline, the former dominance of *lime*, the early *dependence on oak* for building material, and a wide range of contemporary artefacts in wood, *pottery, flint and jadeite.*

Work on the oak tree-rings from the Sweet Track is leading towards *the first calendrical dates for the* Neolithic in Britain.

The project saw the culmination *of 15 years of work on the Sweet* Track when Mr Tom King, MP for Bridgwater, officially opened an irrigation system in the Shapwick Heath Nature Reserve, where 500 yards of the track lie buried in peats, now flooded daily by an ingenious system of pipes, taps and pumps to ensure its waterlogged survival for so long as water is available in the Levels.

Professor John Coles
Cambridge University

George III tea service fetches £8,100

A George III silver-gilt partly *fluted silver service for tea* and coffee made by Samuel Hennell in 1800, made £8,100 (estimate £3,000 to £4,000) yesterday at Christie's in the fourth sale of the 1985-86 season at King Street. The purchaser was Koopman, the London dealer.

The sale, devoted to English and foreign silver, totalled £154,018 with 16 per cent unsold.

Other lots included a George II silver-gilt two-handled cup and cover, the spreading circular foot carved with shells, foliage and scrolls, *made by Benjamin Godfrey* in 1738, which sold for £7,020 (estimate £3,000 to £4,000) to *Partridge Fine Art, London*, and a Victorian "Albany" pattern table service, for 12, which made £4,536 *(estimate £4,000 to £5,000)* to Silverman, also London.

Service dinner

183 Infantry Brigade

A reunion dinner of officers of 183 Infantry Brigade (61st Division) was held on Saturday at the Union and County Club, Worcester. Brigadier Sir Alexander Stanier, Bt, presided.

Science report

Biological rhythms of the adaptable pig

By a Special Correspondent

Pigs have been assiciated with man for more than 9,000 years. *But until* recently scientists knew surprisingly little about an important aspect of the pig's biology: the extent to which its life is governed by *inbuilt biological* rhythms.

***Biological* rhythms are fluctuations in behaviour or physiology that recur at regular intervals. Some of the most familiar are those that are repeated on a daily, or circadian, basis. Two well-known examples of human rhythms are the regular changes in body temperature and production of urine that occur throughout the day.**

Circadian rhythms are dramatically revealed when *animals are moved from their* ordinary surroundings to conditions of constant artificial daylight. If the internal clock that drives their behaviour is strong enough, they continue to organize their affairs as if nothing had happened. They are active at roughly the same time of day as they were before the change, even though they receive no outside cues to help *them with their timing.*

Knowledge of the pig's rhythms could be important for two reasons. Firstly, happy pigs are productive pigs and *they might be happier if* we respected their preferred way of doing things, especially in matters of timing. Secondly, pigs are often used in agricul*tural* and *medical research* and their innate rhythms could affect their performance in experiments.

How does the pig fare in tests designed to reveal inbuilt rhythms? D. L. Ingram and M. J. Dauncey, *who work at* the Institute of Animal Physiology in Babraham, Cambridge, have been studying the pig for several years and have recently completed a thorough survey of the evidence.

They conclude that the pig's innate rhythms are rather weak. *When pigs are kept in a* controlled environment, where each day is made up of 12 hours of artificial daylight followed by 12 hours of *darkness, they are active at a* set time of the day. But when the lighting is left on continuously, their regular behaviour breaks down within one or two days.

The pig's physiological *rhythms seem equally flexible.* The metabolic rate and body temperature of pigs vary throughout the day in a predictable fashion. But those rhythms are easily influenced by a range of factors, such as the time at which the animals are fed, or the time at which they take their exercise.

Our own circadian rhythms can be "reset" after we have travelled long distances, as people with jet lag eventually *discover to their relief. Pigs* might not fly, but they do seem equally adaptable. For example, it is possible to persuade a pig to adjust to a *day-length* of 18 hours, made up of nine hours of darkness and nine hours of daylight.

Ingram and *Dauncey* wonder whether the pig's lack of *strict* rhythms may have helped it adapt to domestication. Wild pigs are generally most active in the evenings and at night, but they swiftly *adjust to* life in zoos, where they tend to be active by day.

That flexibility may have prompted our ancestors to tame the pig. Additionally, the pig's rhythms may have been weakened over the years by selective breeding for those animals with the most accommodating habits.

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OBITUARY

DR K. V. ROBERTS

Research on thermonuclear weapons

Dr K. V. Roberts, who had a distinguished scientific career *with the United Kingdom* Atomic Energy Authority, died on September 19 at his home in Oxford aged 60. He played an important part in British post-war research on *thermonuclear* weapons and later became a leading figure in the development of scientific computing in Britain.

Keith Varnden Roberts was born June 7, 1925 and educated at Christ's Hospital and Kings College, Cambridge, where he was later a Research Fellow. After research in nuclear physics and quantum field theory at universities in England and as a Commonwealth Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, USA, he joined the Atomic Weapons Research Establishment, Aldermaston in 1955. There he developed several *fundamental concepts* and became Superintendent, Thermonuclear Physics.

In 1959 he embarked on research into controlled nuclear fusion, initially at Harwell and from 1962 at the newly created Culham Laboratory – where he was to spend the rest of his career.

He was closely involved with the first director, J. B. Adams (later Sir John Adams, CMG, FRS), in setting up the new laboratory and was influential in determining its *initial* research programme. He became head of an experimental division and later head of Theoretical Physics Division.

Roberts's outstanding success at AWRE was achieved as a *member* of a small research team. On the other hand it was during this time that he grew to appreciate the value of large scale computing – which had been introduced to great effect at Aldermaston. He therefore set out to *create* comparable resources and expertise in "computational physics" for research in controlled fusion.

Thanks to his initiatives, Culham quickly acquired a strong reputation in this field. The KDF-9 EGDON operating system which he inspired for the UKAEA was for a time a standard system in British universites. He also did a great deal to raise the level of program documentation, for example through his advocacy of his OLYMPUS standard.

Roberts's interest in computing was widespread. He helped to found, and was chairman of, the Computing Group of the Institute of Physics and was at one time chairman of the Oxford branch of the British Computer Society. In 1965 he was a member *of the influential* joint working group, set up by the Council for Scientific Policy and the University Grants Committee to advise on computers for research. He was also editor of *Computer Physics Communications* and an associate editor of the *Journal of Computational Physics.*

In the last few years he had taken an active interest in economic theory, particularly as a member of the Basic Income Group. He was the author of *Automation, Unemployment and the Distribution of Income* and was writing another book on this subject at the time of his death.

Roberts will be remembered for generosity towards his scientific colleagues and for two quite distinct achievements: firstly his invaluable contributions to nuclear weapons research – unfortunately known only to a closed circle – and secondly for his enthusiastic leadership in the development of computing generally and in fusion research in particular.

MR RODERICK CAMERON

A friend writes:

Roderick Cameron (Rory to his host of friends in the two hemispheres) died in the house he built for himself at Ménerbes *in the Vaucluse on September* 18 at the age of 71.

Author of nine books, traveller throughout every interesting part of the globe, brilliant *photographer*, decorator, gardener, collector of exquisite furniture and objets d'art, he was, in the best sense of that much abused word, a dilettante.

Son of an American father of Scottish descent and an Australian mother, a celebrated beauty of determined and forceful personality, to whom he was *devoted, Rory had an upbring*ing which was cosmopolitan and opulent.

His education was fitful and lacked continuity in that he followed his wayward and four-times widowed mother and a series of stepfathers, not all of whom were congenial to him, from country to country. In a sense through sheer willpower he educated himself, and put his education to good use.

After serving with the American forces in the war, Rory, who had no real roots, settled for France where his mother *bought a large property* at St Jean, Cap Ferrat. On an exquisite promontory overlooking the sea and the mountains he remodelled for her what became the famous Villa Fiorentina in the style of Lord Burlington's Chiswick House.

There he and his mother, then Enid Countess of Kenmare, delighted to entertain their friends. There one would meet such distinguished local residents as Somerset Maugham, Graham Sutherland and the Vicomte de Noailles, as well as visitors from England like Cyril Connolly, Raymond Mortimer *and Peter Quennell. And if one* was lucky even catch a glimpse of Greta Garbo.

In everything Rory undertook he was a perfectionist. His *taste in decoration, as in* clothes, was faultless. He was a byword for elegance. Tall, erect and splendid, his was a presence which could never be overlooked whether in London, Paris, India or the Sahara.

His extensive travels were always for a purpose. They were followed by his books, of which perhaps the best known are *Viceroyalties of the West* (1968), *The Golden Haze, With Captain Cook in the Pacific* (1964), and *Australia* (1971), an historical and topographical introduction to that continent, full of *anecdotal and evocative* passages. He was a gentle, urbane and affectionate man.

MME GENEVIEVE TABOUIS

Madame Geneviève Tabouis, *who died in Paris on September* 22 at the age of 93, was for a period between two world wars one of the best-known French journalists writing about foreign affairs.

Often sensational and not always responsible, she was remarkably well informed and became known for her astute *summaries of world situations.* Her prophecies of great events, if not always fulfilled to the letter, were often sufficiently near the mark and earned her *the reputation of a Cassandra.*

She was born Geneviève Le Quesne on February 23, 1892. Jules Cambon, a distinguished French ambassador, was her uncle, and her *diplomatic* contacts were the key to her success. But it was not until some years after her marriage to Robert Tabouis and the birth of *their son and daughter that she* began working as a journalist in Geneva, then the headquarters *of the League of Nations.*

Her emergence as a force in European journalism dated from 1932, when she began to write long daily articles in *L'Oeuvre. She took a generally* gloomy view of developments, forecasting the German occupation of Austria and Czechoslovakia and the trend of the *Munich talks between* Chamberlain and Hitler.

She wrote for the *Sunday Referee* in London and then for the *Sunday Dispatch* when that paper absorbed the *Referee*. In 1939 her *Blackmail or War?* published by Penguin in a special issue, caused a stir in this country.

In 1940 Mme Tabouis escaped to Britain just before the German occupation of Paris, and made her way to New York, where she founded and *ran a weekly magazine, Pour la Victoire.* After the Liberation she returned to France, and continued her journalistic activities until an advanced age, *though she never quite regained* her earlier prominence.

Among her many books were *a biography of Jules Cambon, Albion Perfide ou Loyale* and *Tutankhamun*. Robert Tabouis died in 1973.

MR AUBREY MORGAN

Lord Franks writes:

Many people in Wales and England will have heard with sorrow of the death of Aubrey Morgan, CBE, on September 14 at his home on the Pacific coast of the United States.

He served with great distinc*tion as Director of the British* Information Services in New York during the Second World War. Then, after the war, he obeyed a call from the Foreign *Office* to leave his farm in Washington State and serve as my Personal Assistant, with the rank of Counsellor, when I was British Ambassador.

His acquaintance with Senators and Congressmen, his knowledge of editors and reporters from New York to Los Angeles, his flair for correctly *anticipating American reactions* to events, all made him an outstanding success.

Aubrey Morgan was descended from a line of sheep farmers on the Brecon Beacons. His father founded David Morgan, *the department store in Cardiff.* There, after Cambridge, Aubrey went to work, becoming the firm's silk buyer and visiting Lyons and Vienna.

He married the eldest daughter of Senator Dwight Morrow and when tuberculosis threatened her life, left Cardiff for the drier climate of *California*. After her death he stayed with Mrs Morrow during the Lindbergh trial, and subsequently married Constance, the youngest Morrow daughter. At their hospitable home on the Pacific they entertained a succession of British Ministers and ambassadors visiting the far West.

Aubrey Morgan was a man of great energy, charm, courage and imagination. He went out to meet life, believed in causes and fought for them; he was the best of friends.

Lady Davis, wife of Admiral Sir William Davis, GCB, DSO, died on September 18 at the age of 77. She was the former Lady Gertrude Elizabeth Phipps, daughter of the 3rd Marquis of Normandy.

THE ARTS

Opera

Grandiose assault on roles all too demanding

Redeeming features: Samuel Ramey in superb voice in *Attila*, with Linda Roark-Strummer

A "Bel Canto Festival" the New York City Opera dubbed its 10-week summer season, which began, in altogether different fashion, with a five-performance run of *The Student Prince*. The official, if surely not the artistic, high point came last month with the unveiling of the year's first new production, *Norma*, staged by Andrei Serban and conducted by Richard Bonynge in his City Opera debut. The festival has also presented revivals of *La Cenerentola, I puritani, La Fille du Régiment* and *Lucia di Lammermoor*.

Why a bel canto festival? Why indeed. The *New York Times* reported at the outset that Beverly Sills, the company's general director, "thought of focusing on bel canto because 'suddenly' the singers were there for it. 'I think we are going through a particularly bright period of beautiful singing in this house.' " (Not incidentally, of course, this is repertory with which Sills had been closely identified as a performer, and indeed EMI/Angel has recently reissued her ABC recordings of two of these works, with a third reportedly imminent.)

While it is true that the company has some singers of substantial promise (Judith Forst was the Cenerentola and Adalgisa), it is also true that certain of the voices that showed similar promise just a few years ago (Gianna Rolandi, for example, the Lucia) now sound frayed and weary. Thus there may be cause for modest optimism, but hardly the basis for so grandiose an assault on some of the most exacting roles in all of operatic literature.

Or even for a serious *Norma*. The lead in this desultory affair went to Olivia Stapp, who spent most of her time, on opening night at least, dragging slightly under pitch, which only exacerbated an already unalluring tone. Distinctly unheroic in mien as well, her Norma was bested at every turn by Forst's Adalgisa, never less than adequate (if also never a great deal more); their duetting came to resemble a vocal clinic, with Forst gamely attempting to show Stapp how the style should go.

The production was based on Serban's staging for the Welsh National Opera last March, though with a crucial difference. For New York Serban decided to revert to the work's standard ending, with Pollione (not Adalgisa) joining Norma on the pyre – which, of course, vitiates the production's "feminist" argument considerably. One regrets the retreat; however benighted, the locals hereabouts *can* muster a certain respect for someone who shows the courage of his convictions.

Bonynge responded to all of this with predictable professionalism. Not only did he elicit some of the season's best playing from what has often sounded like a ragtag band, but his reach extended even to the stage in the large ensemble numbers, a control that has consistently eluded the house conductors.

Reasonably impressive in the festival revivals were Forst's Cenerentola and, a few shouted high notes aside, Faye Robinson's Elvira, agile, accurate and appealing in tone. Eric Mills in *Fille* also showed the first two qualities, but her wee piping soprano betrayed a distinct nasal edge on at least one occasion. Far and away the biggest disappointment, however, was Rolandi's Lucia, awkwardly acted and mushily sung: if she voiced a consonant on the night I heard her, I missed it. *(In such circumstances, the City Opera's subtitles seem particularly ludicruous, with what could only be gibberish in any language translated into real words and meanings.)* Through all these productions trooped an utterly faceless and unmemorable parade of male leads.

So there it is, a bel canto festival all but devoid of the style's *sine qua non* – not merely pretty, but really *beautiful* singing, assured, strong and vibrant. A truly odd notion. These works are not so rare as to warrant an automatic welcome in even routine performances. Still, give City Opera this much: the houses were full and enthusiastic; to an outsider, the venture appears to have been a commercial success for a company that depends heavily on ticket sales. Yet all those cheering patrons were left with a horribly skewed notion of this grand art, almost a caricature of the style that gave its name to an era.

One hopes that for next summer's French celebration the company chooses repertoire more within its grasp, for, when it so confines itself, it can produce striking results. Witness the return of last year's hit, *La Rondine*, in a fine ensemble effort, and the revival of *Attila*, with superb singing from a visiting City Opera alumnus, Samuel Ramey, worthily partnered by Linda Roark-Strummer, an Oklahoma-born soprano who spends most of her time in Europe. Such successes give one hope for an autumn season that holds other interesting prospects – notably, the New York première of Dominick Argento's *Casanova*, which was first staged under the name *Casanova's Homecoming* in St Paul last spring.

James R. Oestreich

Dublin Theatre Festival

And after the Lord Mayor's singsong...

Rise Up Lovely Sweeney

Peacock

Shortly before this première, and round the corner from the theatre, the Lord Mayor of Dublin led the community singing of "Molly Malone" from the top of a sightseeing bus in order to commemorate the defeat of the city's Gaelic football team. This was easily the most winning performance of Monday evening.

Tom MacIntyre's new play has snatches of song too – but then it has snatches of practically everything: verse, prose, mime, music, silence. The whole thing is snatched, fragmentary and wilfully inarticulate. A long time ago, before the theatrical avant-garde became derrière-garde, it was fashionable for plays to operate on the private-joke principal in a pervasive atmosphere of self-congratulatory obscurantism: those who objected were *de facto* philistines.

There is of course another theory which says that drama should seek to engage the emotions of those who have paid to attend. The first night was 40 minutes old before the first walk-out, and, by the time the curtain rose for the second half, a full house had been more than decimated. Perhaps those who left doubted the programme note which declares that Mr MacIntyre "is trying to make sense of the unsaid".

It may seem otiose to list the events which transpired between the stark walls of the set, white-tiled like some gigantic public lavatory, with its spiral staircase stage centre, its refrigerator stage right and its television monitor stage left – but perhaps it will prove instructive in an admonitory way.

Two half-naked actors in harness drag a third on the end of their leash through an obstacle course of discarded newspapers littering the floor of the stage, to the accompaniment of a harsh, amplified voice and the chattering of a helicopter apparently overhead. A nurse enters with a soft lifesize dummy and helps a second nurse to probe its limbs with the help of a torch. Later, four men thrash this dummy with bundles of newspapers. Later still the central character (by now identifiable as Sweeney) is blindfolded and spanked with a loofah. These props are just as expressive as the players who utilize them.

There is also an agonizingly prolonged sequence in which a gaggle of importunate reporters thrust microphones into Sweeney's face, jibbering the while, which I suppose does service for some kind of comment on "the maelstrom of Irish history" (I quote from the programme), while the television monitor intermittently sparks into life to deliver pre-recorded lectures on the social function of smiling as well as recapitulations of what we have already seen on stage.

The word "ashamed" is reiterated almost to the point of madness, but a sense of shame is pre-eminently what Mr MacIntyre's script and Patrick Mason's production lack.

Martin Cropper

Television

Pictures paramount

Waterfront (Channel 4), the Australian mini-series about the 1928 dock strike, started its run last night. Our hero was Maxey the wharfie, credibly played by Jack Thompson (well known from *Breaker Morant*), and Ray Barrett was good as the union leader, hard-boiled and not adverse to inciting riots and taking kickbacks from the management. Less credible was Maxey's girlfriend Maggie, a chorus-line girl played by Noni Hazelhurst.

The story-telling was, for the genre, extremely sophisticated, with the emphasis on pictures rather than dialogue. The first words were not actually spoken until three or four minutes into the programme. This must be a record for television, which never likes to be more than a few seconds from the spoken word.

Some of the dialogue was in Italian. The Australian employers used immigrant Italian labour to replace the striking dockers and so they are portrayed speaking their own language as would have been the case in the late Twenties. I cannot speak for the quality of the Italian but I can of the presentation of the Italian people.

Once again they are shown as dark, volatile and much given to emphatic arm movements. (The men are also much given to ordering their wives around.) I know this is a mini-series, but this is one stereotype I could have done without.

Mention must also be made of Greta Scacchi. She plays a blonde, educated, middle-class Italian and, if I am to be fair, is supposed to represent a non-stereotypical member of the race. She and Maxey have so far only brushed past each other once (it took a long time to get her from Italy to Australia), but they are definitely destined. The signposting of all narrative developments, so that there is no possibility of any kind of surprise whatsoever (another important characteristic of the genre), is, I am happy to say, being expertly handled.

If I do have a criticism it is that the story does not explain why the union behaved so stupidly towards the Italian labourers. Apparently they did not even attempt a dialogue with the Italians but attacked them straight off. But, then why let the niceties of labour history stand in the way of a good story?

Carlo Gébler

Theatre in London

The Murderers

Cottesloe

The reopening of the Cottesloe with a festival of 10 new plays developed in Peter Gill's National Theatre Studio is a heartening event, restoring a much-missed performance space and a line of work recalling the Royal Court's productions without décor. Two months from now, when the studio quits the theatre, I expect we shall be looking back to the festival as a landmark of the year.

As so often, however, the cheer of welcome for some brave new venture turns to a strangulated gurgle when it delivers the goods. Daniel Mornin's play is the work of an able and impassioned writer, and Mr Gill's production retains its cool precision in the face of the utmost violence. Otherwise, this strikes me as the most unhelpful work I have seen on the subject of Northern Ireland.

Murderers tells the story of Tommy (Ewan Stewart), a Protestant boy who throws in his London job and returns to Belfast seeking revenge when his father is killed in a pub bombing. Heaping abuse on his schoolteacher sister (who lost her virginity to a Catholic), he joins a para-military cell, pledging his readiness to commit any act in Ulster's defence. The comrades test him out on a middle-aged prisoner, into whose guts Tommy obediently thrusts a bayonet. But when they then include him in a Stormont anti-truce bombing raid (the date is 1972), Tommy refuses to join them. "One's enough", he says; leaving them to go and blow themselves up.

Whatever Belfast the author's own sectarian background, his title focuses excusively on the Protestants: almost to a man on heat for the big day. Conducting their business from the back room of a drinking club, they are well individualized as members of a killer tribe. They include a joker, a street thug, a teasing sadist, a taciturn quarter-master and a leader, Sam (Patrick Drury), who exerts commanding authority. But, if they have any reason for joining the movement beyond the pleasure of wielding Armalites and battering defenceless victims, we never learn what it is. Religion is hardly mentioned. The supposed crime of the Catholics is that they are "trying to take our country away": a slogan that is simply repeated as a pretext for any reprisal they care to take.

Tommy, who rarely has much to say for himself except when attacking his sister, has one burst of anti-British eloquence. "To Londoners", he says, "we're just Irish drunks fighting outside a pub. We're all Paddies to them." Well, yes; and one function of Irish writers is to put us straight about that. All Mr Mornin does is to confirm the stereotype, with the usual black Irish accompaniment of brutality and sexual hatred.

The most revealing detail in the evening appears in Alison Chitty's set: a back wall in the form of a gigantic pub slate, on which, the image of the Queen has been chalked up, with the dates 1690-1972, in record of a long-outstanding debt. Otherwise the stage consists of beer crates, variously assembled to form various locations, while preserving an unvarying image of starved excess.

Within these bleak limits, the production moves between the outright horror of a prolonged and bloody murder to the fun and games of the killers: with the laughing boy, Smicker (Andrew Byatt), stripped naked for group punishment, coolly putting in an order for green chartreuse without ice. Whatever the violence, switches of that kind save the show from falling into monotony; and Mr Gill's team (also including Paul Moriarty and Daniel Webb) amount to the most intimidating Irish gang since Patrick Magee brought on his robber band in *A Whistle in the Dark*.

Irving Wardle

Clive Landen

The anticipated success of his recently-published *Hiroshima Joe* has led the schoolteacher **Martin Booth** (right) to abandon the classroom for ever: interview by Caroline Moorehead

Enriching fiction by research

The beginning of the new school term this month was the first time in 18 years that Martin Booth was not in his classroom in a Somerset comprehensive, teaching English. He was at home, in a rambling, comfortable, low-ceilinged cottage, contemplating the publication of what others at least sense is about to be an enormous best-seller called *Hiroshima Joe*, a novel set in Japanese prisoner-of-war camps and the Far East of the early postwar years. He describes it as a "peace novel" born of a "convinced belief that nuclear power is inherently evil". Reprinting already before publication, serialized, selected by a book club, sold to paperback and much in demand in America and the Far East, *Hiroshima Joe* has all the feel, the smell, of something set to triumph.

The moment might perhaps be awesome were Booth not already so hard at work on other things: a biography of Edward J. Corbett, the naturalist and "destroyer of man-eating tigers", to match a coming BBC dramatized documentary for which he has written part of the script, due at the publishers by Christmas, and a new novel, promised for March. He views the rigours ahead robustly, speaking of the housework he will be sharing with his wife, who teaches geography at another nearby school, and saying that his plan for a 12-hour writing day would be impossible were it not for the excellence of his word-processor, which he uses both to store his prodigious amounts of research and on which to write. He has become, he says, "like a child with water wings: take it away and I'd sink".

The photograph on the jackets of Booth's books – two thrillers, many volumes of poetry, an essay on British poets, 1964-1984 – shows a somewhat severe face, with round, tinted glasses, a Che Guevara moustache and shoulder-length gingery hair beneath a bald pate. It gives him the look of an American academic. In person, Booth is far more accessible, a stocky, benign figure full of energy and talk, with a sudden, rather loud laugh. He is 40. The passion he brings to his pleasure in his word-processor is equalled by his vehemence, this time despairing, on the subject of education.

Booth became a teacher of English in his early twenties, moving from public to grammar to comprehensive school, where he became Head of English. The act of teaching itself, he says, caused him nothing but excitement right up until the last day. It was the current state of education that did for him, the lack of back-up and equipment, the dwindling conditions and standards. Never again does he intend to return to a school.

Not that Booth's life has all been teaching. He grew up in Hong Kong, only son of a former naval officer who switched to work for the Hong Kong government after the Korean war, a childhood of immense privilege which he left only at 20 out of a sense of claustrophobia. He was already writing poetry, much influenced by Edmund Blunden, father of a schoolfriend, who "didn't exactly apprentice me, but told me when it was utter rubbish". Booth's early years as a teacher were also those of solid if small poetry successes: collections published with regularity, many poetry readings, and a small press of his own, started and run to publish mainly verse for some 15 years.

"British poetry is a mess", Booth has written about what is happening in verse today; it was not so in the late Sixties and Seventies, a period of unprecedented glory among poets, he maintains, and a time when they spoke to people and not, as they do now, only to themselves. Booth writes less verse nowadays, though he is still poetry critic for *Tribune*. He is no longer fashionable, he says.

The new novel is to be set in Hong Kong, Macao and North India, between 1937 and 1948, "partly because I haven't exhausted the Far East yet, and partly because certain events happened there" – he hesitates, not wanting to give the plot away – "that had enormous impact on world events". What *Hiroshima Joe* taught him was a delight in research, what he calls the "sting of truth" that makes good fiction rich. He is an admirer of Fleming and Forsyth and the skilful artistry of their research, saying it should be handled "as a gourmet uses caviar, not to be eaten on toast but only as a flavouring".

The physical details of *Hiroshima Joe* were taken from maps, guidebooks, childhood memories – much of it is set in Hong Kong – and worked out with the help of a superb Japanese researcher. For his new book Booth has just been back to the Far East, taking his nine-year-old son Alexander, on a trip to places he needs to describe, eager that the boy should travel "because you have to be cosmopolitan in this life or you're screwed", the trip providing, he says with his sudden jovial laugh, three weeks of "utter self-indulgent gluttony".

Along with other writers who have captured a sudden tide of fortune, Booth foresees a day when he will have to go abroad. He views the notion with delight, having set his thoughts on North India, East Africa – where he spent time as a boy and which he intends to make the setting for his next novel but one – and the Abruzzi, the mountain area south-east of Rome, where he may buy a house, charmed by the fact that "there are no tourists, it's old and full of history, wine is five times cheaper than petrol and the inhabitants have the longest life-span of anywhere in Europe".

All this lies well ahead. This autumn, pleasure is to come from observing *Hiroshima Joe's* progress – "at no time did I stop and think 'you've written a best-seller, kiddo' " – from the luxury of doing nothing but write, from listening to UB40 and the Rolling Stones, from eating his wife's dinners – "I don't smoke, I barely drink, but, my God, I can eat" – and from encouraging the butterflies, bats and grass-snakes to take over his garden, which he keeps determinedly free of all pesticides.

Concert

RPO/Colomer

Festival Hall

At the risk of being severely reprimanded on my next holiday in Benidorm I must report that a week of concerts called "Spanish Music and Musicians in London" gives every impression of being a hopelessly ill-conceived non-event.

The poor standards of orchestral playing in Spain have been widely reported recently; determined individuals are trying to improve matters, but the Spanish government has not readily made funds available for the training programme needed. Yet here was the Spanish Ministry of Culture subsidizing the hire of the RPO to play not an evening of Spanish music, but Dvořák's Eighth Symphony, Schumann's Piano Concerto and a pretty but slight Roberto Gerhard dance suite. It was an expensive way to guarantee 2,000 empty seats.

One felt sorry for the young Barcelonan conductor Edmon *Colomer, whose seasons directing* the Hertfordshire Chamber Orchestra may or may not have equipped him for his formidable new task of building Spain a national youth orchestra. His technique looks highly competent: one would have liked him to have tested it on something more challenging than this Dvořák symphony.

Nevertheless, his interpretation impressed with its vigour and its concern to make audible the myriad subsidiary details of this busy score. In Gerhard's *Alhada, Interludi i Dansa* of 1936, too, he handled the syncopated shifts of the triple metres securely. This piece is interesting in that Gerhard here placed a political inclination to identify with Catalan folk music before his usual musical inclination to write atonal or serial music.

It was a pity that some of Colomer's commitment did not rub off on Rafael Orozco, who seemed thoroughly out of sorts, both technically and emotionally, with the solo part of the Schumann concerto. It was difficult to recognize in the lumpy passagework and miscalculated octaves of the first movement the mercurial talent *which once* won the Leeds Piano Competition.

Richard Morrison

London débuts

Dominating voice

The Danish soprano Tina Kiberg's voice would seem to be tailor-made for Wagner; on the recital platform, however, she must learn to scale down climaxes and use full voice more sparingly. But she dominated the Wigmore Hall with a taxing programme that was most effective in songs by Grieg, Ture Rangström and Berg, *whose Seven Early Songs* emerged with an innocent wonderment that was powerfully engrossing.

Despite her vocal grandeur, Miss Kiberg fully succeeds in attending to inflexions of phrasing, and the resonant, rather chesty tone that she has at the lower end of the range provides a rich base on which the higher notes can be put into relief. She could make more of important consonants so as to add more meaning to the poetic content.

The violinist **Valery Gradow** originates from Russia, though he has lived in West Germany *since 1972. In a pupil of the late* Leonid Kogan, one takes for granted a highly developed technique, but I must mention that he has an exemplary control in pianissimos. From the first bars of Schumann's Sonata No 2 in D minor one was aware of a highly finished artist who can command every effect on his instrument, and on the interpretative plain there was little amiss, except perhaps for a tendency to allow attention to detail to override larger gestures.

I am in no way criticizing his tonal production, which allowed the sustained notes in Herbert Lauermann's *Verbum No 2*, receiving its British première, to render the rest of the piece aurally acceptable. It was Brahms's solitary Scherzo Movement that shall remain in my memory, propelled as it was by a strident vivacity.

The American tenor Howard **Haskin** has a voice whose directness, clarity and strength are most successful in the middle range. Whereas forte high notes were a little harsh in *timbre (but showed magnificent* breath control), he was able to portray Schumann's "Sehnsucht" with serenity, and the central section of "Wanderlied" demonstrated a perfectly developed legato and cultivated sense of style. Some of Duparc's vocally taxing songs came off with a relaxed mastery, *although a little more characte*rization would have added an extra bloom to the interpretations.

Low notes were not always entirely accurate in intonation, but this is a quibble when viewed within the context of Haskin's engagingly honest and accomplished singing.

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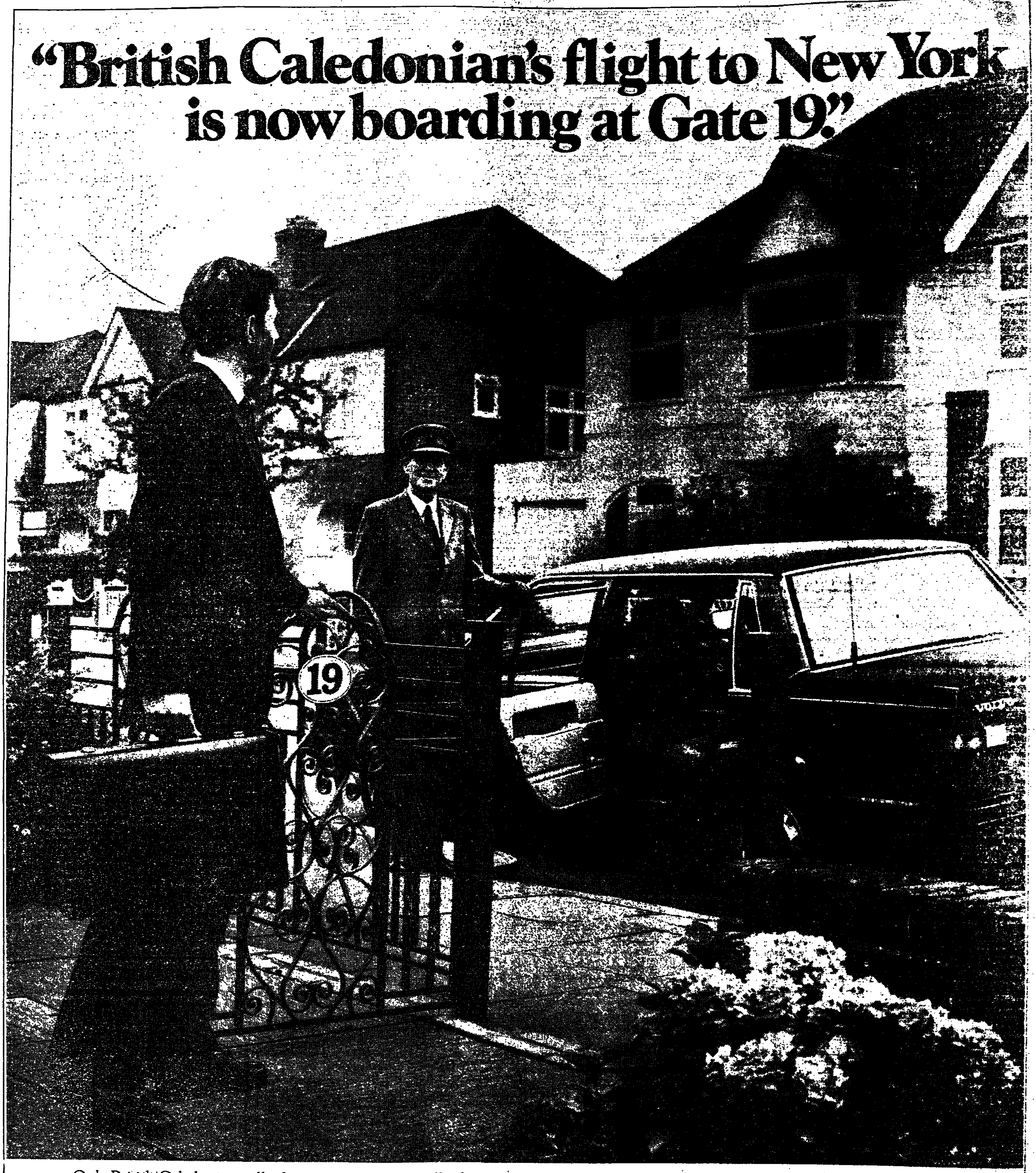

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The wooing, the spending, the winners

"Keeping careful tabs on travel and entertainment expenses is more a devout wish than a corporate reality", a special survey on management control in British business concluded earlier this year. The comment quickened the pulse of travelling executives and travel agents alike.

In the face of fierce competition in the business travel market, it is exactly this problem that the leading travel agents are beginning to tackle. They are wooing their customers with promises of slick travel management services, which will help companies keep track of their travel spending and trim their budgets in the process.

Spending by British businesses on employee travel is running at £15.3 billion a year, a survey sponsored by American Express in April calculated. Together with an entertaining bill of £2.1 billion, this expenditure was estimated at twice the amount paid out in corporate tax, three times the rates bill and four times the amount spent on advertising.

Yet bargaining clout that spending on this scale could give businesses is still widely ignored. Only 56 per cent of all companies, according to the survey, receive any discount from their travel suppliers. The *majority have no clear policy to* control spending and few could account in detail where the money on travel was being spent.

Enter computerized travel management advice: Thomas Cook, *for instance, with an* estimated 5,000 business travel customers including 25 multinationals spending £1 million a year or more and an expected turnover in the business travel market this year of £200 million, has launched the Thomas Cook "Challenge" guaranteeing to reduce a company's business travel costs.

The first step in the challenge, Andrew Barratt, Thomas Cook's marketing director explains, is an analysis of the company's travel expenditure over the previous three months to identify where savings could have been made.

A quarterly air savings report is then issued by its travel management service, detailing, by passenger, each flight taken. This will show the potential saving offered by Thomas Cook and the actual savings made.

"Many companies simply don't realize how much money they are spending on business travel because it is so fragmented," said Mr Barratt. "Once they are shown exactly where their money is going we can start to cut down the costs."

Hogg Robinson Travel, with more than 2,000 business travel clients, 20 spending more than £1 million a year and 300 over £100,000 and with an expected business travel expenditure this year of £190 million, is also promoting a travel management consultancy service aimed at "controlling costs rather than simply booking tickets".

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"Good travel management is worth far more than discount," said Eric Brannan, business travel director of Hogg Robinson *Travel.* "Too many companies automatically look for discounts without considering the wider implications of travel management and the savings that can accrue from it."

To emphasise this the com*pany reduces the amount of* discount offered once the savings it is making its client goes above a given threshold.

According to the American Express survey, however, discount on air fares still ranks as a top priority of the services expected from business travel agents. So the leading agents also employ air fare specialists, who negotiate with the airlines and guarantee to supply the lowest legal air fare available.

The last six month review by Hogg Robinson showed that the company was undercutting fares offered by the airlines by an average of 10 per cent. If the client had shown more flexibility in time of travel the savings had risen to 19 per cent.

Once businesses top a travel budget of £200,000 or more the leading agents will also consider putting a full-time agent on the company's premises. Hogg Robinson, for instance, now has 25 of these full-time agents. Lunn Poly, another leading agent, with a business travel budget this year of £75 million, has agents in 10 major companies in the UK.

"As the amount a company spends on travel decreases, its marketing muscle as an individual decreases," said Colin Rainbow, commercial director of Lunn Poly. "It is then up to the travel agent operating on behalf of smaller companies to negotiate a better deal."

Pickford Travel probably has the largest number of small and medium sized business travel clients of the leading agents, with *more than 6,000 in all and* an expected business travel turnover this year of £40 million. "Our research shows that more than 50 per cent of these smaller companies could organize their business travel more cost-effectively," said Brian Donnelly, Pickford's commercial director.

"Too many of these companies leave it to their hard-pressed secretary to make travel arrangements because they are afraid a travel agent will dilute any savings they might make through discounts. But in terms of cost-effectiveness this is an absolute disaster."

In addition to overall savings through travel management services and reduced air fares the travel companies are increasingly negotiating hotel costs below the corporate rates widely available.

Christine Toomey

Lift-off for business: Luxury service in-flight eases travel strain, top: Concorde beats jet lag; and, bottom, meeting in the comfort of a central London hotel executive lounge

The cool Swede who flew an airline into profit

When an SAS flight leaves from *or arrives at an airport in* Sweden, Norway or Denmark more than a few minutes late, the information is flashed on to a television screen in the Stockholm office of Jan Carlzon, the president and chief *executive officer of the Scandi*navian Airlines System. He is likely to call for an immediate report on the reason for the delay.

That is the sort of meticulous attention to detail which *encouraged European business* travellers to vote SAS the "airline of the year" last year. But it takes more than punctuality to turn a $12 million-a-year (about £9 million) loss into a handsome profit within the space of just four years – and that is what Mr Carlzon has done.

At 44, he is one of the more flamboyant figures in the airline world. Four years ago, when he was running the Swedish internal airline Linjeflug, SAS – the international airline of the three Scandinavian countries – was on its knees financially. Since he was called in by SAS he has effected a dramatic turn-around in its fortunes – and in doing so he has frequently been accused of *running a one-man airline.*

But there can be no disputing that his methods have paid off, for SAS is now one of the world's most profitable airlines. His secret is spending his way out of trouble and catering unashamedly for the business passengers who provide half the airline's revenue.

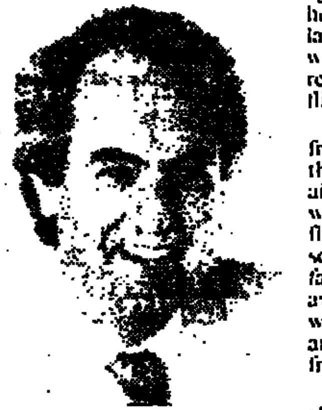
"We decided that we wanted to be 1 per cent better in 100 details rather than 100 per cent better in one area," he said. "So we put to the three governments involved a plan which involved capital expenditure of £4 million, plus an additional outlay of £10 million a year."

The plan involved 150 different improvement projects, plus such sweeping changes as new aircraft, new classes of travel, tremendous efforts to improve punctuality, a new corporate identity, and – perhaps most important of all – the closest possible staff involvement in all these projects.

The staff responded too, egged on by stirring annual progress reports from the president. They were made acutely aware that the moment of truth concerning an airline's image is when customer and *employee meet. On average, a* customer has five such meetings with staff members before and during a flight, and each meeting lasts for only 15 seconds. So the airline has not much more than a minute in which to be judged.

"Some people think that an airline is judged by its aircraft, or other equipment," Mr Carlzon said. "Naturally, we like to set the highest standards in areas like operations, techni*cal efficiency and service.* But the thing which really decides whether we are going to be competitive is how people within the company respond to the standards we set and to the customers".

In other words, you are unlikely to hear an SAS air hostess respond to a customer's complaint during a flight with the words: "If you don't like it, you can always get out" – a piece of invective which I once heard uttered by a member of *the cabin staff* of a British airline. The suggestion was not particularly helpful as the plane was flying at 29,000 ft over the North Sea at the time.



Jan Carlzon, SAS chief

Although SAS may have set the pace, it is not the only *airline that has responded to the* needs of the business travel market in recent years. All the major airlines, both in Europe and the United States are at it.

The dropping of first-class travel within Europe by most European airlines four years ago was one example of this development. Although at first glance this might to be a retrograde step, it enabled the airlines to offer "executive" cabins which had all the facilities of the old first-class except extra leg-room, at fares 40 per cent lower than first-class. And the argument runs that leg-room is not an important factor on a short-haul flight.

Other improvements include better cabin service, special *check-in facilities for* business travellers, and the introduction of privilege cards such as British Airways' "Executive Club" card (annual fee: £55).

In some cases, such improvements have rebounded on the *airlines. Business travellers* often complain, for example, that staff flight discounts ensure that every business cabin contains more than its fair share of small children – the offspring of airline staff enjoying a facility at 10 per cent of the normal fare. Trapped by their own staff agreements, the airlines seem helpless in solving this particular problem – and sharing a seat with a half-consumed lolly remains a hazard of business flights.

A more startling kick-back from an incentive programme is the one experienced by those airlines – mostly American – which introduced "frequent flier" bonuses. Under these schemes, people paying the full *fare on scheduled flights are* awarded mileage "points" which they can cash in for anything from an upgrading to a free flight.

Unfortunately, the airlines offering these programmes *found that regular passengers* were all saving up their "bonus points" at approximately the same rate, and cashing them in at the same time. Accordingly, in some months, the airlines in question found themselves suffering from acute cash-flow problems.

But if the business travel outlook seems bright for the airlines, there is one small cloud on the horizon. It comes in the shape of a computer sitting in the Special Fares Unit of Thomas Cook's head office in Peterborough. The information in the computer is updated daily and as a result Thomas Cook can provide its customers with information about the cheapest and most direct way of *reaching their destination.*

As "seat only" rules are relaxed this cheapest and most direct flight may well turn out to be a charter flight.

Robin Mead

Affording the unexpected

The worst of the traveller's nightmares must surely be that of falling seriously ill in a country where medical services are only rudimentary or where they are punishingly expensive. The only protection is adequate insurance. Insurance arrangements should be taken care of by his company in the form of *health insurance* for both illness and personal injury while its personnel are abroad. It may also have cover for repatriating sick employees and for the cost of sending out a replacement.

Group policies for businesses *are widely* available and not particularly expensive. They can be tailored to the travelling needs of each individual business, with the option to vary the number, the period and extent of cover.

One of the most convenient types of health insurance cover for the frequent business traveller is that offered by Diners *Club. Every time a Diners card* is used to book a plane ticket or a hotel room, insurance cover is automatically triggered for the cardholder – with health insurance of up to £75,000 available without the need to fill in forms.

As one expert in the business travel sector pointed out: "Executives should check that they are covered. If they are not, they can buy individual cover for each trip. They can do this from a travel agent just like anyone going on holiday."

American Express's Centurion Assistance policy provides year *round medical* expenses cover up to a limit of £75,000 for an annual premium of £35.

The alternative is the standard holiday package cover which may be cheaper but may also contain broad exclusion clauses. Some policies such as the AA's package, allow you to adjust the cover available and charges accordingly. Travellers to the US, in particular, should make sure their level of cover is very high because medical costs are so much greater there.

One thing a policy may not cover is repatriation – so check this point before buying. Most of the market leaders now include repatriation in the case of serious illness and any policy that does not include this should be rejected.

Europ Assistance, which operates for some of the biggest holiday insurance schemes including the Association of British Travel Agents' approved scheme, Supersure Plus, covers 3.3 million people a year for repatriation. This year it will bring back about 180 holidaymakers and businessmen by special air ambulance and 3,580 on scheduled flights.

Other companies operating a similar rescue service include *GESA Assistance, the first in* the field and which covers 20 million people worldwide, Transcare International, Medex International and International Rescue. The decision to repatriate, though, rests with the *insurers,* or with the traveller.

But the first step before travelling abroad is to find out what you are entitled to from state assistance. As long as you take an E11 form from the local social security office you are *entitled to the same treatment* a national would get in any EEC country. In France you will have to pay most of your own hospital bills, but up to 80 per cent of this should be refundable by the French Sickness Insurance Office.

One final consideration for the business traveller is the danger of kidnapping and political risk. Though not strictly health insurance, it can have the same effect of making your trip worthless if a foreign government throws you in jail for a few months for no particular reason. Cover for compensation is available from several insurers ... and at present it is not expensive.

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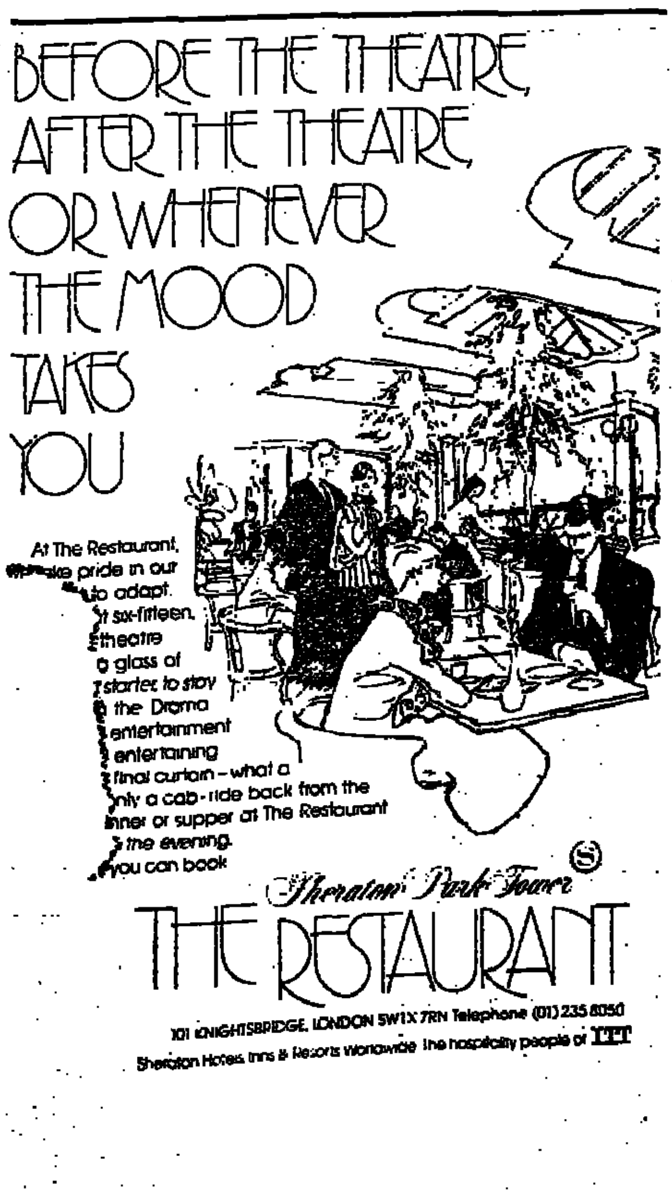

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The Prince Kuhio Hotel in *downtown Honolulu,* is not exactly well known among British business *travellers.* In fact, in an area full of hotels, it is not exactly well known among Hawaiians. But it has made its mark on the hotel map, for it was one of the first in the world to set aside its top floors exclusively for business travellers and to ensure that those customers were treated according to their needs.

Identify yourself as a business traveller at the reception *desk at the Prince Kuhio and* – for not much more than the normal room rate – you will be handed a special key to the lift. Use it, and you will automatically be whisked non-stop to the top of the hotel.

Your room will be equipped with a desk as well as the usual furnishings. Along the corridor a lounge serves round-the-clock coffee, drinks and light refreshments, and has a receptionist who is also ready to act as part-time secretary.

Nowadays there is nothing unusual about these facilities – although the special lift key still seems to be fairly unusual. All the major hotel chains offer similar facilities, but the Prince *Kuhio was certainly* one of the first.

Business travellers, the life-blood of many big hotel groups, have different needs from holidaymakers or other hotel guests. For example, many businesswomen are reluctant to sit alone in a hotel bar or restaurant so special efforts have to be made to ensure that they can obtain refreshment, or to fill their evenings without attracting the unwarranted and unwanted attentions of predatory male guests.

Private bars and restaurants, secretarial services, efficient communications, and perhaps access to translators are widely-recognized business needs that a great many hotels now provide. But there are other, less obvious, requirements.

The wake-up call – that many hotels seem unable to make at the right time, or to the right room – is one aberration which forward-looking managements have sought to replace. Another need might be for a pair of trousers to be pressed – a minor problem which can become a major one when hotel laundries close for the weekend.

Both problems could be solved if hotels had that universal stand-by of the English country house: a butler. The Sheraton Grande Hotel in Los Angeles has accordingly added to its staff a whole regiment of butlers. They will bring you tea in bed in the morning, lay out your clothes, press your trousers, mix you a drink, and even advise you on what to wear.

The services of these genial Jeeveses do not add anything to your bill although you are expected to press a few dollars into their hands on leaving.

Such innovations do not seem to have spread to Europe yet, *although no doubt they are on* their way. British hotels seem content to supply electric trouser presses, electric hair dryers, and special silicone shoe-cleaning cloths rather than actual service.

We seem to prefer the service flat to the special business section within an hotel. There is no doubt that the former has many advantages, among them a degree of privacy. But in failing to compete with them, the big hotels are losing vital customers.

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Plastic magic cashes in

"It is amazing how many British businessmen travel abroad with their pockets stuffed with cash and travellers cheques", says Eric Brannan who, as business travel director at Hogg Robinson Travel, the largest business travel agent in the UK, is in a position to know.

"They are given a certain allowance a day by their companies and they literally take thousands of pounds in their pockets. That is neither efficient for the company nor safe for the traveller," says Mr *Brannan.*

That is the trick with taking money abroad. You have to achieve the best mixture of efficiency, convenience and safety. Cash, of course, is the out-and-out winner for con*venience – as long as it is in the* right currency. Mr Brannan advises taking a fair amount of cash, already converted into the correct currency. This is useful for the small but essential things such as a taxi or buying a coffee.

The obvious trouble with cash is safety. If you lose it, it's gone for good and may mess up your company allowances. But as important is that the company, by issuing the cash at the beginning of the trip which may last weeks, is losing the use of the unspent money in the meantime.

For some smaller and medium sized business in particular this could become a considerable issue since the amount of money required on a long trip is large. As Mr Brannan points out, it is simple not an efficient use of company resources.

The same applies to travellers' cheques which have to be bought in advance. Nevertheless, they have their uses. In most countries they can be used in hotels and often shops just like ordinary cheques. They can be particularly useful in the financially less sophisticated parts of the world – Africa and some parts of Asia – where credit cards may be useless.

Mr Brannan also advises taking small denominations for convenience. There is nothing more irritating than running out of money just before you are leaving a country and having to change far more then you need into the local currency. It is also best to take the cheques in local currency since the exchange rates offered in many shops may be little short of daylight robbery. Alternatively, sterling is acceptable in most places but the US dollar is more assured of a universal welcome.

But for travel to sophisticated western economies Mr Brannan is emphatic that credit or charge cards win for their blend of efficiency, convenience and safety. "With cards there is no messing around with wads of money. If most of the travel expenses are clocked up on the card account it is far easier to keep track of them. You simply add up the receipts at the end of the trip." It also only uses the company's money as and when it is needed.

Charge cards are most accepted in hotels and restaurants and could prove to be the most convenient method of paying for the businessman who expects to entertain. Ideally, thought, he will also take a credit card. While they are also useful in paying for most accomodation and meals they come into their own in shops or petrol stations. The canny business traveller will have a selection of cards.

Less conventional forms of money, such as Eurocheques, have less to recommend them. "I don't bother with Eurocheques," says Mr Brannan. "There seems no need to." They tend to be rather expensive, with high bank charges attached and are little more useful than ordinary travellers cheues. They are, of course, only valid in Europe.

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At last, Europe finds the cheaper way to fly

Deregulation, giving the airlines greater freedom than in the past to fix fares and to start new routes, began in the US at the end of the 1970s and is now slowly reaching Europe. The campaign to loosen the traditional licensing bonds restricting the development of civil aviation was originally aimed at leisure travellers – those who had never been able to afford to fly – but its impact has brought advantages for the business community as well.

The effects of deregulation – or liberalization, as it is called in Europe – may be seen in three main areas. In the United States new airlines have sprung up, flying secondhand airliners with non-unionized staff being paid wages well below the industry average, on new routes, or on well-established routes in competition with the bigger, older airlines.

The business executive is not necessarily offered cheaper fares on the main business routes, but he or she does have greater choice in which airline to use, timings, service on board and booking procedure.

The second area where deregulation may be seen working is on the routes across the North Atlantic between Europe and North America, and particularly between the UK and the US. The Bermuda II agreement between the two latter countries opened up a number of new "gateway" cities to the airlines, while the operation of Laker Airways' Skytrain services, before that airline suffered financial disaster early in 1982, helped to force fares down.

Sir Freddie Laker's natural successors on the North Atlantic are the US airline, People Express and the British line, Virgin Atlantic, so that there is now a wide range of fares on offer by the airlines flying these routes.

In Europe, because of the entrenched position of many of the big airlines in the economic and employment policies of the Governments which own them, the trend towards liberalization has been much more slow. Pressure is coming from two main sources – from the EEC, which has recently indicated that it is prepared to take legal action by June next year against airlines and governments which they consider not to be moving fast enough in this direction, and from the British Government, which has already concluded agreements with the Netherlands, France, and those in Scandinavia.

The agreement with the Dutch is the most far-reaching. Under its terms, any airline designated by either government can fly between the UK and the Netherlands, with the airlines left to decide frequences and capacity. Fares require the approval only of the country in which the service begins, and this has resulted in a return fare at one stage of £49 between London and Amsterdam.

The Anglo-Dutch agreement was 12 months old in June, at which point it was further liberalized, with Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for Transport, noting that it had resulted in the introduction of 10 new air services between the two countries, and 70,000 journeys by passengers who would not otherwise have travelled by air. The chairman of British Midland Airways, Michael Bishop, recently announced that he will be taking advantage of the agreement by starting low-cost/high-frequency services early next year between Heathrow and Amsterdam using DC9 jet airliners.

Within Britain, the acceptances of the policy of liberalization by the Government and the Civil Aviation Authority may be seen in the proliferation of new air services from provincial centres, and by the fierce competition which has sprung up on the domestic trunks routes – those between London and Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Belfast and Manchester in particular.

Arthur Reed

John Voos

Door to door: An executive arrives by chauffeur-driven Mercedes for his business flight

The quick day trip that helps a good deal

In January, it will be exactly 10 years since British Airways introduced Concorde into commercial service. In the decade since that first flight – to Bahrain – Concorde has changed from being a prospective white elephant into a highly profitable business. And one reason for its success is that the supersonic aircraft has made possible something, which has always been the business traveller's dream: the day trip to New York.

Once barred from New York on noise grounds, Concorde now flies there three times a day from London. The first flight of the day, the "businessman's special" leaves London at the comfortable hour of 10.30 am, but the times change and flying at twice the speed of sound mean that it arrives in New York "before" it has left London – at 8.20 am (9.20 in summer).

That means you can be at a meeting in the City at 9 am, and be back at New York's John F. Kennedy Airport in time to catch the lunchtime Concorde flight back to London, arriving back at 10.25 pm. Alternatively, an overnight jumbo flies back to London at 7 pm.

"It is," admits a British Airways official, "a bit tight, but it can be done. The day trip to New York is now a practical proposition.

'You are not too tired on arrival'

"More importantly, perhaps, one has to remember that Concorde has turned the flight between London and New York into a three-hour journey – the equivalent of a short-haul trip to Europe. When you arrive at your destination you are not too tired or disorientated to do business.

Concorde passengers have their own airport check-in facilities, and a 30-minute check-in. Great efforts are made to ensure that Concorde flights depart and arrive on time. "A service of that kind has to be punctual," say the airline.

All the same, many of these facilities are as old as Concorde itself. So what has turned a loss-making aircraft into a profitable one?

One factor has been the creation of a special Concorde division, within the American division of BA. Another is a certain amount of cost-cutting.

Passengers, it is hoped, will hardly notice the latter – although Concorde addicts may remark that the distribution of gifts and in-flight souvenirs has been greatly reduced.

Though regular Concorde services to the Middle East and Singapore have ended more people than ever are getting the chance to sample supersonic flight because of the way in which the aircraft is being used.

Recently, when its Boeing 737s were being checked in the wake of the Manchester Airport disaster, British Airways briefly used a spare Concorde on its regular shuttle services between London and Newcastle and London and Brussels – an event which provided them with enormous publicity in the North-east and on the Continent. Passengers and airport onlookers alike, it is hoped, will become Concorde converts.

The same applies to the charter operations which have enabled BA to make the fullest possible use of all seven Cocordes in their fleet. These charter flights are not just sightseeing trips around the Bay of Biscay, but full-blown, long-haul trips to link up with cruise ships such as Cunard's QE2 and collect and deliver passengers taking part in round-the-world cruises.

Such operations lead naturally to regular reviews of Concorde services, although British Airways say: "There are no plans to increase the network of scheduled services at present."

Those scheduled services are currently limited to the three return flights a day between London and New York, and three flights a week between London and Washington. The Washington flights, after stopping at that city's John Foster Dulles International airport, carry on to Miami.

The plane will continue to fly for the rest of this century. Its replacement? "There is nothing on the horizon yet," British Airways says, "but any replacement has almost certainly got to be an international affair."

Meanwhile, the airline says, Concorde is "making money, performing admirably, still our flagship, and still attracting enormous interest all around the world". One might add that, for another decade at least, a flight on Concorde will remain the fastest – as well as probably the most comfortable and convenient – way of getting from one place to another.

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Big guns outshoot one another in car wars

There are two pieces of advice for a budding car rental company in Britain: get yourself established at the big international airports and hope for a weak pound – especially against the dollar – to bring in the overseas customers.

In this fiercely competitive business Heathrow is the main battleground. Hostilities are intensifying as Budget Rent a Car, which only started business at the airport in May, wages a price war against its longer established rivals, Godfrey Davis Europcar, Avis and Hertz.

Budget, the British subsidiary of an American rental giant, gained its place at Heathrow at the expense of Swan National, which had had a contract with the airport for the previous four years. Having won the concession, Budget immediately promised "value for money tariffs, with a raft of special offers including a Mercedes for the same price as an "ordinary" car.

'A new type of airport business'

Not to be outdone, Swan has devised a new type of airport business. Travellers are met at the terminal by luxury coach and taken to a car rental point outside the airport. On the way bookings can be processed and clients make telephone calls.

Swan, too, has introduced new, low tariffs, in some cases undercutting standard airport rental charges by half. Since Godfrey Davis Europcar, Avis and Hertz are unlikely to stand by and do nothing, competition for airport customers could be keener than at any time since car rental was established in Britain 20 years ago.

According to a report published this month by Budget Rent a Car, based on independent research, 60 per cent of car rental is by business users. Apparently contradicting Budget's price cutting policy, the survey found that business people were more concerned with quality of service and convenience of pick-up points than price as such.

The total United Kingdom car rental fleet, for both business and leisure use, is around 100,000 vehicles. Put another way, six in 100 new cars sold in Britain go to rental companies. Since most are resold within a year, this is an important outlet for the car manufacturers.

The rental market is dominated by the six largest companies, which together have some 45 per cent, leaving the remainder split between dozens of small firms. The market leader is Godfrey Davis Europcar, a subsidiary of the French car maker Renault, with 280 outlets and a daily rental fleet of nearly 9,000 cars. Like other companies, it offers chauffeur-driven rental on a range of luxury and executive models.

In addition to its offices at 27 airports, Godfrey Davis Europcar has an exclusive contract with British Rail to operate rental facilities from 75 Inter-City stations. The rail monopoly has not been without its critics, though it has survived censure from the Office of Fair Trading which accused British Rail of making an "anti-competitive" deal.

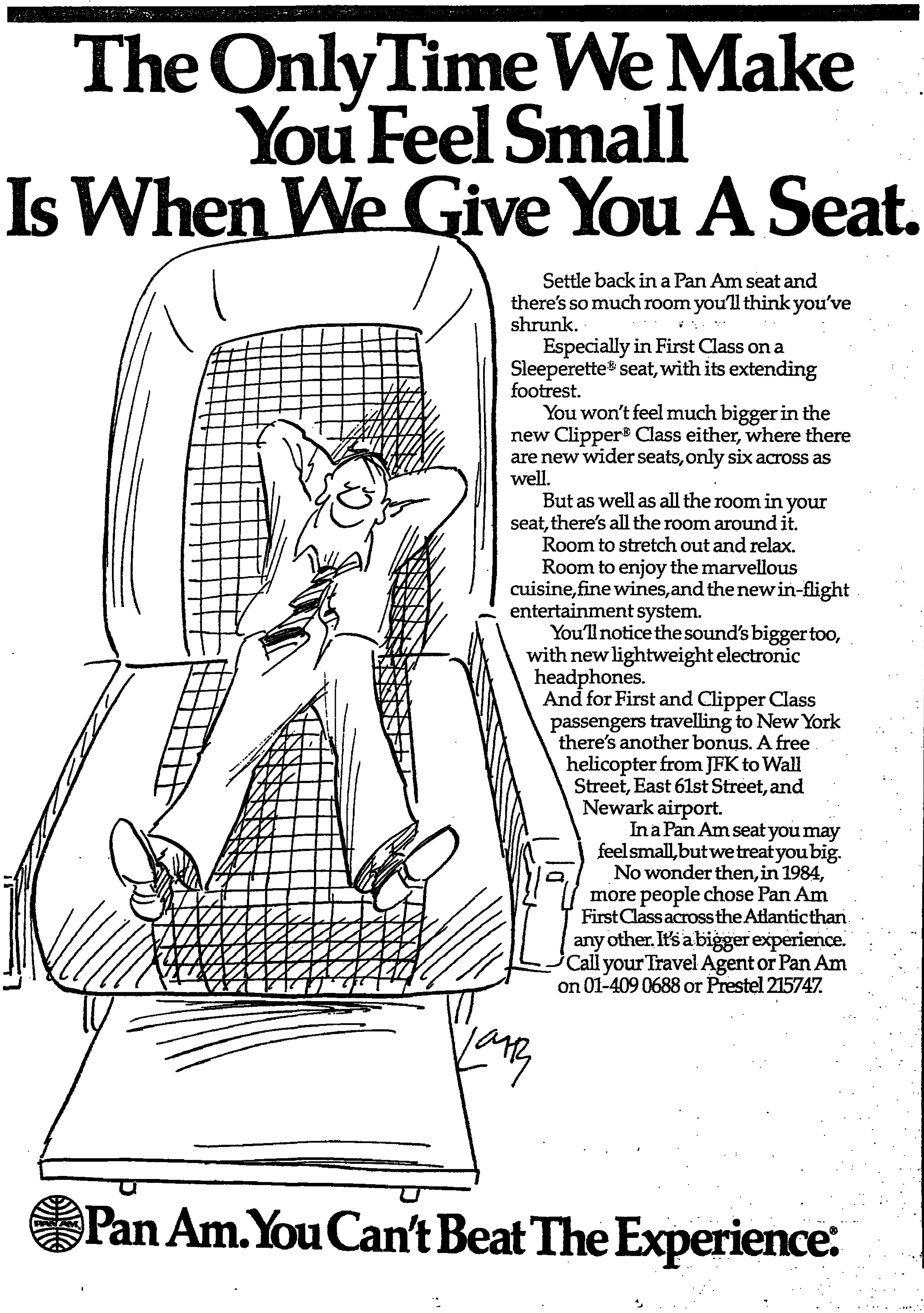
Avis, with 90 offices and a fleet of 7,000 cars, is number two in the United Kingdom and second worldwide to Hertz. It will be "trying harder" – to use its famous slogan – in 1985 by introducing the system of franchises which has proved successful elsewhere. Another innovation is the "black box". The customer can drive away simply by inserting a credit card and when the car is returned, date, time, mileage and petrol are automatically transmitted by the box to a computer and used to work out the bill.

A different computer application has been developed by Hertz. When collecting the car, the customer punches the destination into a terminal, as well as the places to be visited on the way and the location of the hotel. A route is worked out and produced.

Budget Rent a Car pioneered the franchise system in car rental, claiming that its franchised outlets benefit from national promotion, bulk purchasing and lower overheads. Third in Britain after Europcar and Avis, Budget has been handicapped by not being represented at the busiest car rental point. The Heathrow contract has changed all that.

Two British companies, Swan National (owned by the Trustee Savings Bank) and Kennings, make up the top six. Swan is planning to increase its fleet from 8,000 to 10,00 and to be the first rental company to offer in-car telephones.

Peter Waymark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THE TIMES
FINANCE AND INDUSTRY
Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Imperial checks out of HoJo for $314 million

Imperial Group is almost free of the transatlantic burden that has weighed it down for so long. After months of on-off discussions, Marriott Corporation agreed to relieve Imps of the loss-making Howard Johnsons hotel and restaurant chain.

The price reflects that buyers were not stampeding to enter the highly competitive United Staters catering market and that Marriott views HoJo rather less ecstatically than Imps did when it forced its attentions, and $630 million, on the company.

That was more than five years ago. Today, Marriott is paying just $314 million for the business, but by the time intra-company loans are netted out, Imperial will collect just $162 million. The stock market had hoped for more, and Imps shares slipped 6p to 194p on the news.

But Marriott knows the business it is buying and the market in which it operates. When Imps made its optimistic pruchase it was a US novice, armed only with consultants' reports, not experience. Its learning curve has not been steep, but he cost of the lesson has. Shareholders assets will be reduced by about £127 million after the sale, although that assumes an optimistic stability in exchange rates.

The HoJo experience has demonstrated that exchange rates can make or break the international business. Over the years, the soaring dollar has enabled Imps to write up the value of its HoJo assets and now much of the loss on the sale will simply be written off against that. The Imps accounts should be blackened by an extraordinary loss of little mroe than £27 million.

It could be worse. That was certainly the view at Imperial House yesterday as the chairman, Geoffrey Kent, refused to apportion blame for the unfortunate HoJo excursion which was instituted under the last but one, Sir John Pile, and appeared to deteriorate under his successor, Malcolm Anson.

HoJo is not a total disaster. Its hotels still make profits and Marriott has agreed a deal with Prime Motor Inns whereby it will instantly take a substantial chunk of the business for a suitably substantial slice of Marriott's costs. The problem has been with HoJo's restaurants which, says Mr Kent, a marketing man to the core, have failed to find a winning concept. Competing with America's innovative fast food industry is not easy. Imps tried such misguided ideas as Deli Baker Ice Cream Maker and Prickle Lillies.

It will still have scope to experiment, for Marriott has refused to take the Ground Round chain of restaurants and Imps are to persevere with them. There will be a loss this year and the company has decided they are worth $50 million less than the book value.

Mr Kent now has the eyes of the City on him. Ground Round may be a minor challenge, but Mr Kent has to prove that HoJo was an isolated, if large, error. If Imps slips, the predators are waiting. The temptation is to beat them by making another big acquisition. Bravely, Mr Kent says he still favours America. But with up to £800 million to spend, and a penchant for the food business, there is one obviously tempting target. He admits that he is looking at the Allied-Lyons food business. John Elliott wants a partner for his brazen effort to take over the brewing company. Mr Kent is an obvious one.

United chief faces an embarrassment

The first closing date for United Newspapers' bid for Fleet Holdings is likely to come and go with few alarms today. The chances of United succeeding at this point are so remote that they pose a somewhat unfair embarrassment for Mr David Stevens, the United chairman, who as chairman of fund managers MIM is sitting separated only by a Chinese wall from 3.5 per cent of Fleet. If MIM accepts the offir, eyebrows will be raised. If (more likely) even MIM holds back, then fingers will be pointed. Such are the side-effects of what is genrally seen as a sighting offer, designed more to trim market expectation of a reasonable final price for Fleet than to win the day.

In pursuance of this tactic, United is likely to extend its first "full and fair" offer and let outside Fleet shareholders sweat a little before they are offered more generous terms. While there is an unusual degree of gamesmanship in this battle, there is some logic in this tactic. United's problem is that it is simply not big enough to mount a clear knockout blow unless it, in effect, includes a substantial loan element to be redeemed by selling Fleet's holding in Reuters. But Mr Stevens wants to keep this stake to provide the wherewithal for further expansion in the US later on to re-establish a 50-50 balance between its British and US interests.

So long as United has to rely on the value of its shares it is vulneralbe to attacks on its share price from Fleet chairman, Lord Matthews. Mr Stevens has banked on Lord Matthews being happy to sell at the right price, the impression he gained from early contacts. But who would now care to say for certan that Lord Matthews, stung by critical tactics, as not dug his heels in with the aim of beating off United altogether.

United remains confident of its ability to underwrite a higher share offer, centainly at no less than the 275p per United share achieved the first time. (United sahres now stand at 308p) and has been lobbying its own shareholders assiduoulsy in the past couple of weeks over its plans for Fleet. But attacks on its profit accounting and balance sheet cannot help.

Problematic transition at Midland Bank

The recruitment of Christopher "Kit" McMahon, deputy governor of the Bank of England, to be the next chairman and chief executive of the Midland Bank is a coup for the bank. It should allay any lingering fears that the doleful experience with Crocker National, the Californian bank acquired in semi-darkness late in the day, will have a lasting demoralizing effect.

It also shows excellent preception on the part of the present chairman, Sir Donald Barron, and the present chief executive, Geoffrey Taylor. Kit McMahon is an experienced and respected practical central banker and an considerable intellect who is young enough at 58 to play a major role in the next, probably vital, phase in the Midland's development. The fact that he will be chief executive as well as chairman is more than a simple recognition that these days a bank chairman cannot realistically be "part-time" or non-executive: it is also a statement about the part Kit McMahon is expected to play on the Midland stage.

The appointment, however, is not without problems. Originally it had been intended that the deputy governor would see out the Bank of England's year but the premature disclosure of his move has brought the date of his departure forward to the end of December. He will then spend three or four months in *purdah* before joining the Midland as a non-executive director when his period of initiation and familiarization begins. He will succeed Sir Donald Barron in 1987.

By any standard this is a long spell in the ante-chamber and there is a certain apprehension within the bank and its important satellites that important decision making will be postponed until the new chairman has taken over.

The other problem might be with some of the tigers Geoffrey Taylor has recruited, and with one or two of the senior traditional bankers whose hopes of preferment have now effectively vanished. The latter may not be too troublesome but there have been suggestions that one of the outsiders came in with at least half a promise of the top job.

In view of its recent troubles Midland patently needs to keep its top team intact. Apart from the three banking Johns – Brooks, Harris and Greenwell – the other key group consists of Michael Julien, group finance director; Ernst Brutsche, who has transformed the Treasury and is now able to get fully to grips with this aspect of Crocker's affairs; Brian Goldthorpe, group risk management; Herve de Camoy; and Robert Logan, who has just been made chief executive of Samuel Montagu Holdings, the parent company of the Midland's merchant banking subsidiary into which W. Greenwell the brokers, will eventually be meshed.

While waiting for any heavy ripples from the McMahon appointment, it is interesting to speculate whether the Bank of England will make it three in a row. With Sir Jeremy Morse at Lloyds, and Mr McMahon destined for the Midland, will National Westminster, which needs a chairman to succeed Lord Boardman, follow the fashion?

US mortgage issue launched

The internationalization of mortgage finance went a step further yesterday with the worldwide offer of a US mortgage backed security, the first to be sold outside the US. The $100 million fixed rate issue was launched by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac), a US Government mortgage guarantee agency.

The monthly payment of interest and principal from the underlying mortgage loans is unconditionally guaranteed by Freddie Mac. The loans are secured on properties containing five or more families and have maturities of up to 30 years. Because of early repayment of some of the loans, however, Salomon Brothers International, the lead managers of the issue, calculate an average life for the security of about 10 years.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord	982.7 (−12.6)
FT All Share	623.82 (−4.51)
FT Govt Securities	83.77 (−0.25)
FT-SE 100	1280.1 (−12.8)
Bargain	21,009
Datastream USM	105.98 (−0.34)
New York	
Dow Jones	1317.53 (+1.22)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	12,755.60 (+22.59)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	1553.24 (+17.79)
Amsterdam: Gen	218.1 (−2.7)
Sydney: AO	960.7 (+1.0)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1523.7 (−15.2)
Brussels:	
General	487.86 (−22.48)
Paris: CAC	216.2 (−1.8)
Zurich:	
SKA General	407.30 (−1.5)

GOLD

London fixing:
am $328.40pm–$327.90
close $328.25-328.75–£229.75-20.25
New York:
Comex (Latest) $328.75

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Jebsens	65p +15p
China 5% Boxer	£12 +£2
Pineapple Dance	43p +5p
Nimslo Int	18.50p +2p
Kirsh Tr Gp	50p +5p
Arlen Elec	85p +5p
Thames Opt	3.25p +0.25p
Spear & Jack	158p +10p
Somortex	102p +6p
Microvitec	33p +2p
Barratt Dev	106p +6p
Lon Atlantic	159p +9p
FALLS:	
MTD (Mangula)	9p −4p
Botswana	10p −3p
S. Ventures	6p −1p
Rotaprint	3.50p −0.50p
Sycamore Hldgs	7p −1p
New Ldn Oil	65p −8p
Oceonics Plc	55p −7p
Int Alantis	63p −7p
Gt West Res	105p −10p
O K Bazaars	300p −30p
Messina	49p −5p
Freddies	375p −38p

CURRENCIES

London:
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£: DM 3.8778(−0.0103)
£: SwFr 3.1892(+0.0011)
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£: Yen 328.16(−1.63)
£ Index: 82.8(−0.2)

New York:
£: $1.4275
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$ Index: 134.4(−0.1)
ECU £0.572353
SDR £0.731307

INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 11½%
3-month Interbank 11 7/16–11 5/16%
3-month eligible bills
buying rate 11–10 29/32%

US:
Prime Rate 9.50%
Federal Funds 7¾%
3-month Treasury Bills 6.81–6.79%
30-year bonds 99 31/32–100 1/32

Dollar gains ground despite intervention by Japanese

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The dollar steadied yesterday after its sharp fall on Monday. There was heavy intervention by the Japanese authorities to depress the dollar's value against the yen, but dealers awaited signs of concerted intervention by central banks in line with the weekend declaration by the Group of Five industrialized countries.

The dollar, which closed below DM2.70 against the mark in New York on Monday and at Y225 against the yen, with the pound above $1.44, began to rise in trading in the Far East, as dealers decided that the sharp fall had been overdone.

The Bank of Japan sold up to $1 billion (£700 million) in an effort to keep the dollar below Y230.10 in Tokyo.

The dollar's firmer tone was maintained in Europe, helped by the lunchtime announcement of a 3.4 per cent rise in US durable goods orders in August, compared with a fall of 2.3 per cent in July.

The rise, boosted by a sharp increase in defence orders, was accompanied by the announcement of a 0.2 per cent August increase in the consumer price index, the same as in July.

At the close in London, the pound was 14 points up at $1.4270. Sterling lost ground against the European currencies and its index slipped 0.2 to 82.8.

In New York trading, the pound was quoted at $1.4230, and the dollar at DM2.7185 against the mark.

The fall-out and reaction to the Group of Five's new dollar strategy and President Reagan's trade speech continued yesterday.

● In Japan, the Chief Cabinet Secretary, Mr Takeo Fijinami, welcomed Mr Reagan's "clear and strong commitment to free and fair trade," and promised to press ahead with its action to open up Japanese markets.

However, senior government figures do not expect the Group of Five move to bring about a speedy reduction in Japan's trade surplus with the United States, expected to reach $50 billion this year.

● There were signs of pressure in the European Monetary System, with sales of dollars and purchases of francs by the Banque Nationale de Belgique, to buoy the Belgian franc against the mark.

● In West Germany, the central bank sold a modest $46 million at the Frankfurt fixing. A spokesman for the West German Economics Ministry said that the Group of Five move would reduce German exports to the US but reduce the price of dollar-priced fuel and raw material imports.

Capital flows to the US would be reduced and this could eventually provide scope for lower German interest rates, the spokesman added.

● Mr Malcolm Baldrige, the US Commerce Secretary, said the dollar had to fall further if American exports were to become competitive.

● London money market rates firmed on the view that the Government will not be seeking an opportunistic cut in base rates. The three-month interbank rate edged up 1/16 to 11 7/16-11 5/16 per cent.

● The gold price faithfully followed the dollar. Gold lost ground as the dollar gained against sterling, ending at $328.50 an ounce, up $1 from Monday, but down $1.50 compared with yesterday's opening.

● The Government is examining its policy of soft loans for exporters in the light of President Reagan's trade speech. After pressure from industry, the Government has been moving towards a more aggressive policy of interest subsidies for exporters.

● M Jacques Delors, the President of the European Commission, welcomed the Group of Five move on the dollar, and said that the European Monetary System was prepared for any resultant pressure.

However, M Delors, a former French finance minister, gave a warning of difficulties ahead. "To have recognized that the dollar exchange rate is one part of the problem is a change in language for the US that we should welcome," he said.

"But protectionist pressure won't ebb until the US trade deficit declines, it will take some time for any exchange rate adjustments to work their way through to the US trade balance. Meanwhile, measures still have to be taken to reduce the US budget deficit."

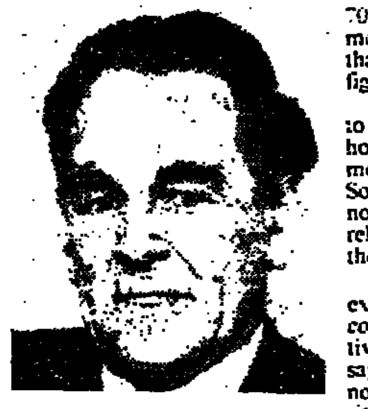
Barratt profits plummet £31m

By Patience Wheatcroft

Barratt Developments pretax profits plummeted from £35.6 million to £4.1 million in the year to June 30, but the news that the company is to retain the dividend at last year's rate saw the shares jump by a tenth to 110p.

The housebuilder which has attracted media attention for having the Prime Minister as a customer has been hit by tighter margins both in Britain and America. It has also been a victim of two television attacks, both on timber frame housing and on its starter homes, which have seriously affected the company's business. The chairman, Sir Lawrie Barratt, has referred these to the Broadcasting Complaints Authority

Barratt has been tackling its problems by drastic slimming of the scale of its operations and a consequent cut in debt. In the course of the year net debt was cut from £127.8 million to £59 million, much of it by cutting back the work in progress.



Sir Lawrie Barratt: "Over the worst"

During the year its UK completions were 10,300, against 13,700 the year before, and for the present year Sir Lawrie is aiming to stabilize at just 10,000.

There is a large change in the type of housing Barratt will build. Two years ago homes for first time buyers accounted for 70 per cent of Barratt Developments, but Sir Lawrie expects that in the present year the figure will be just 40 per cent.

The company is now aiming to concentrate on higher price homes, and it wants to build more of them in the affluent South east. Last year its northern operations were severely hit by unemployment and the miners strike.

Barratt is not going to be expanding its industrial and commercial development activities in the present year saying that the lettings market is not easy. Some commercial sites have actually been reclassified for residential development.

The company's land bank has been reduced by about £8 million during the year by sales of small sites, but still stands at about 25,000 plots.

Sir Lawrie is optimistic that his company is now "over the worst". He is predicting that house prices will rise by about 7 per cent in the present year, and as much as 12 per cent in the South-east.

Accountants split over small firms

By Ian Griffiths

The accountancy profession is split in its views on how the Government should ease the accounting and auditing requirements for small businesses.

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland proposed yesterday that the audit should be abolished only for owner-managed small companies, providing all shareholders agree and in such cases the auditor would be replaced by a reporting accountant.

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales reluctantly suggested this month that the audit be abolished for all small companies, also with the provision that all shareholders approved.

However, the English institute proposed that in these cases the directors be obliged to file statutory financial information and give assurances on how it had been prepared.

The Scottish accountants believe that this would only add to the burden placed on directors.

The Scottish institute's findings are based on five years of intensive research into the views of its members and the preparers and users of accounts.

Mr Ian Percy, a member of the working party which prepared the report, and a partner in Thornton Baker, said: "We have looked very carefully at what the banks and the companies themselves need and what we in the accountancy profession can provide. We think this is the best way forward."

Expansion 'would cut jobless figure'

By Our Economics Correspondent

A policy of expanding demand in the economy would reduce unemployment without rekindling a permanent surge in inflation, according to a paper published today by the Employment Institute.

Mr Gavyn Davies, chief United Kingdon economist of Simon & Coates, the stockbroker, examines in the paper *Governments Can Affect Employment* the theoretical backing for the Government's argument that expansionary fiscal policies do not reduce unemployment.

These monetarist and new classical economic ideas are found to be based on unrealistic assumptions about the way the economy works, including complete price flexibility and rational expectations.

"Unemployment is now approaching the peak levels reached in the inter-war recessions", Mr Davies concludes. "No less than in 1931–32, Britain needs a period of expansionary demand policy to bring uemployment down".

Mr Davies has also examined the make-up of the jobless total in Britain and looked at reasons why unemployent, at 16 per cent for men, is above the 10–11 per cent "natural" or non-accelerating rate of unemployment that has been estimated.

One strong reason is that some of the unemployed – the long-term jobless – are effectively out of the core of the labour market and, for all the influences they have on it, could as well be in Australia.

Therefore, Mr Davies suggests, policy directed to providing employment for the long-term jobless is unlikely to set off wage inflation.

Higher taxes cut profit advance at News Corp

By Alison Eadie

News Corporation, the Australian holding company for Mr Rupert Murdoch's international media interests, made consolidated net profits in the year ending June 30, 1985 of A$96.09 million (£47.4 million), a rise of 0.2 per cent on turnover 31 per cent higher at A$2.45 billion.

A rise in earnings in Australia and in Britain was offset by a slight deterioration in the United States. Pretax profits rose 14 per cent to A$152.27 million, but a 46 per cent rise in tax reduced the net improvement.

News International, the British company whose titles include *The Times*, *Sunday Times*, *The Sun* and *the News of the World*, made pretax profits 15 per cent higher at £46.8 million on turnover 7.7 higher at £493 million.

The improvement reflected higher profits from *The Sunday Times*, where advertising revenue was up by 28 per cent, and from its magazine and papermakers Townsend Hook.

The Times saw a 35 per cent improvement in advertising revenue, but higher production costs meant the paper again showed a loss.

The Sun and the *News of the World* both made lower contributions, despite higher circulations, because of interruptions to production areas and higher costs.

Over the past few months Mr Murdoch has been increasing his television and film in the US, which will involve a reduction in his newspaper ownership there. In May the US$2 billion (£1.4 billion) acquisition of six US television stations from Metromedia was announced.

Murdoch buys Fox stake for $325m

Mr Murdoch has agreed to pay Mr Marvin Davis, the Denver oilman, $325 million for the remaining 50 per cent of Twentieth Century Fox, making him sole owner of the troubled film studio, Ivor Davis writes from Los Angeles.

Last March, Mr Murdoch bought a half interest in the studio from Mr Davis for $162.5 million, plus an $88 million allowance, which gave the studio a huge cash infusion.

Gas rise below inflation

The price paid by industry for gas supplies rose at a rate marginally below the inflation rate in the past year, according to National Utility Services, which monitors fuel, water and telephone costs.

Britain's gas price for industrial users now averages 34.1p a therm, compared with Australia which has the lowest cost at 18.8p

Apple sues former chairman

From Ivor Davis
Los Angeles

Apple Computer has filed a $5 million (£3.5 million) lawsuit against its co-founder and former chairman, Mr Steven Jobs. It alleges that he breached his fiduciary responsibility and that his planned new computer venture would use confidential information.

The court action is the latest chapter in a power struggle that saw Mr Jobs resign last Tuesday. He said he planned to launch a new computer company and had hired five top executives from the Apple hierarchy.

In the suit, filed in Santa Clara County, in Nothern California, Mr Richard Page, a key Apple engineer, who had resigned from Apple to join Mr Jobs, was also named.

Legal battles over ownership of technical knowledge have become common in Silicone Valley, where Apple has its headquarters, but this suit is considered unusual because it accuses Mr Jobs of pirating knowledge and employees while still at the company's helm.

The suit gives further details of Mr Jobs' new firm noting that he planned to call it Next Incorporated and to use technology that Apple "has committed thousands of man years of effort and millions of dollars" to develop.

Mr Jobs, aged 30, who co-founded the computer company eight years ago with Mr Stephen Wozniak, was not available for comment on the suit.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Opec urged to lift ban

Venezuela is likely to lead demands by several members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) for the cartel to reverse its ban on oil-swap deals.

The move is in response to Saudi Arabia's proposal to pay in oil for up to half of the £3 billion military aircraft contract it is abut to sign with Britain. A weakening dollar is also making oil-swap deal more attractive.

Saudi officials, however, have said the contract "may not necessarily" involve payment in oil. Britain, a leading North Sea oil producer, is understood to have told Saudi Arabia that accepting payment in oil could be embarrassing, although technically feasible.

DRG up £5m

DRG is to pay an interim dividend of 3.3p, on November 11, after pretax profits rose from £10.6 million to £15.7 million for the six months to June 29. The group announced a one for four rights issue at 165p, which will raise £33.4 million. **Tempus, page 21**

Boase ahead

Boase Massimi Pollitt, the advertising agency, saw profits rise from £1.09 million to £1.49 million before tax in the six months to June 30. Turnover was up from £28.4 million to £34.2 million and the interim dividend is 1.5p, against 1.25p.
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IBM will try again to offer a value added network service (Vans) in Britain despite the Government's rejection of a similar venture linked with British Telecom, last year, Mr Kaspar Cassani IBM Europe's president, said.

Steetley rises

Steetley, the building materials producer, lifted profits from £15.7 million to £16.5 million before tax in the six months to June 30. Turnover was almost unchanged at £208 million and the dividend rose from 4.5p to 5p. **Tempus, page 21**

Valor sale

Valor, the heating and cooking appliances manufacturer, has sold its Gainsborough Precision Engineering subsidiary to the present management for £268,000.

CBS selloffs

CBS is reported to be considering selling such assets as its 29 per cent interest in Tri-Star pictures, its St Louis television station and the CBS toys division to reduce debts.

French debt up

France's medium and long-term external indebtedness rose to $57.2 billion (£40 billion) on June 30 from a revised $54.3 billion on December 31 last year, the economics ministry announced yesterday.

THIS NOTICE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN OFFER FOR SALE AND THE STOCKS LISTED BELOW ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE DIRECT FROM THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

ISSUES OF GOVERNMENT STOCK

The Bank of England announces that Her Majesty's Treasury has created on 23rd September 1985, and has issued to the Bank, additional amounts as indicated of each of the Stocks listed below:

£250 million 10½ per cent EXCHEQUER STOCK, 1997

£250 million 9½ per cent CONVERSION STOCK, 2004

The price paid by the Bank on issue was in each case the middle market closing price of the relevant Stock on 23rd September 1985 as certified by the Government Broker.

In addition, Her Majesty's Treasury has created on 23rd September 1985, and has issued to the National Debt Commissioners for public funds under their management, an additional amount of £100 million of 10 per cent Treasury Convertible Stock, 1990.

In each case, the amount issued on 23rd September 1985 represents a further tranche of the relevant Stock, ranking in all respects *pari passu* with that Stock, and subject to the terms and conditions of its prospectus (save as to the particulars therein which related solely to the initial sale of the Stock), and subject also to the provision contained in the final paragraph of this notice: the current provisions for Capital Gains Tax are described below. Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for each further tranche of stock to be admitted to the Official List.

Copies of the prospectus for 10½ per cent Exchequer Stock, 1997 dated 14th October 1977 and of the prospectus dated 13th January 1984 for 10 per cent Treasury Convertible Stock, 1990 (which contained the terms of issue of 9½ per cent Conversion Stock, 2004) may be obtained at the Bank of England, New Issues, Watling Street, London, EC4M 9AA. The Stocks are repayable at par, and interest is payable half-yearly, on the dates shown below:

Stock	*Redemption Date*	*Interest payment dates*
10½ per cent Exchequer Stock, 1997	21st February 1997	21st February 21st August
9½ per cent Conversion Stock, 2004	25th October 2004	25th April 25th October

The further tranche of 10½ per cent Exchequer Stock, 1997 will rank for a full six months' interest on 21st February 1986. The further tranche of 9½ per cent Conversion Stock, 2004 has been issued on an ex-dividend basis and will not rank for the interest payment due on 25th October 1985 on the existing Stock. Official dealings in the Stocks on The Stock Exchange are expected to commence on Wednesday, 25th September 1985.

Each of the Stocks referred to in this notice is specified under paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 to the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979 as a gilt-edged security (under current legislation exempt from tax on capital gains on disposals made on or after 2nd July 1986, irrespective of the period for which the Stock is held).

Government statement

Attention is drawn to the statement issued by Her Majesty's Treasury on 29th May 1985 which explained that, in the interest of the orderly conduct of fiscal policy, neither Her Majesty's Government nor the Bank of England or their respective servants or agents undertake to disclose tax changes decided on but not yet announced, even where they may specifically affect the terms on which, or the conditions under which, these further tranches of stock are issued or sold by or on behalf of the Government or the Bank; that no responsibility can therefore be accepted for any omission to make such disclosure; and that such omission shall neither render any transaction liable to be set aside nor give rise to any claim for compensation.

BANK OF ENGLAND
LONDON 23rd September 1985

WALL STREET

	Sept 23	Sept 20
AMF Inc	15¾	13¾
AMR	41½	41⅞
Allied Corp	42⅝	42⅛
Allied Stores	53	53⅝
Allis Chalmers	3½	3⅝
Alcoa	33½	33¾
Amax Inc	14½	14½
Amerada Hess	25⅝	26⅛
Am Brands	57½	57¼
Am Broadcast	115¼	115
Am Can	58	55
Am Cyanamid	49¼	50⅛
Am Elec Power	20⅝	20½
Am Express	42⅝	41¾
Am Home	58½	58
Am Hospital	47	46⅞
Am Motors	3	3
Am Standard	28⅞	27
Am Telephone	21½	21¼
Amoco	63⅞	63⅛
Armco Steel	9¼	9
Asarco	21	20⅝
Ashland Oil	33½	33⅞
Atlantic Richfield	58⅝	59
Avon Products	25⅛	25⅝
Bankers Tst NY	62⅝	61⅞
Bankamerica	13½	13¾
Bank of Boston	45¾	48⅛
Bank of NY	39¼	39⅛
Beatrice Foods	33⅝	33¼
Bethlehem Steel	15⅝	16⅛
Boeing	46⅞	46⅞
Boise Cascade	44¼	45⅞
Borden	37¼	36½
Borg Warner	21½	20½
Bristol Myers	57⅞	56⅛
BP	31	29⅞
Burlington Ind	27⅝	27¼
Burlington Nthn	63	61¼
Burroughs	67⅛	65⅝
Campbell Soup	36	35⅝
Canadian Pacific	12¼	12⅝
Caterpillar	36¼	34⅛
Celanese	122	118½
Central SW	23⅛	24
Champion	21⅛	21¼
Chase Manhat	51	51⅝
Chem Bank NY	36⅛	36⅛
Chevron	36⅝	36⅞
Chrysler	36⅞	35⅝
Citicorp	42⅝	41¼
Clark Equip	31½	31⅛
Coca Cola	69⅝	67⅞
Colgate	26⅞	26
CBS	113¼	112½
Columbia Gas	33½	33⅝
Combustion Eng	25⅝	25⅝
Comwlth Edison	30	29½
Cons Edison	33⅝	33⅞
Cons Nat Gas	36⅞	35⅞
Cons Power	7¼	7⅝
Control Data	18⅝	18½
Corning Glass	46⅞	46⅝
CPC Intl	44⅛	43⅝
Crane	35⅛	36
Crown Zeller	37¼	37
Dart & Kraft	35⅛	34⅝
Deere	26⅞	26¼
Delta Air	43⅝	42¾
Detroit Edison	14⅝	14⅞
Digital Equip	111⅝	108⅞
Disney	86⅞	85½
Dow Chemical	36	35
Dresser Ind	19⅝	19⅛
Duke Power	32⅝	31⅞
Du Pont	57⅝	56½
Eastern Air	9¼	9⅝
Eastman Kodak	44⅛	43⅛
Eaton Corp	53½	52⅝
Emerson Elect	69⅞	68¼
Evans Prod	1⅝	1⅝

	Sept 23	Sept 20
Exxon Corp	50⅝	49⅞
Fed Dept Stores	58⅛	55½
Firestone	19⅛	18⅝
Fst Chicago	22¼	21⅝
Fst Intrst Bncp	48⅞	46⅞
Fst Penn Corp	6⅛	6⅛
Ford	44	43
GAF Corp	37½	38⅞
GTE Corp	39⅞	39¼
Gen Corp	45½	44¼
Gen Dynamics	71½	71
Gen Electric	58⅛	58⅞
Gen Foods	84⅞	82¾
Gen Mills	57¾	57⅝
Gen Motors	68¼	67⅛
Gen Pub Util NY	13⅝	13⅞
Genesco	3½	3⅝
Georgia Pacific	22⅝	22
Gillette	61	59⅝
Goodrich	31⅝	31
Goodyear	28⅛	27⅛
Gould Inc	27⅞	27⅞
Grace	40¼	40⅞
Gt Atlc & Pacific	16⅛	16⅛
Greyhound	27⅛	27⅝
Grumman Corp	33¼	33⅞
Gulf & West	42	41⅝
Heinz H. J.	28⅞	55⅞
Hercules	36⅞	35
Hewlett-Pkrd	32⅝	32⅝
Honeywell	64⅞	64
IC Inds	32⅛	32⅛
Ingersoll	51	50½
Inland Steel	24¼	23⅞
IBM	128½	126⅝
Int Harvester	8	7⅝
INCO	13⅝	13⅛
Int Paper	48¼	47⅞
Int Tel Tel	33⅛	32⅞
Irving Bank	34⅞	34⅞
Jim Walter	34½	34
Johnson & John	45⅞	44½
Kaiser Alumin	17⅛	17⅛
Kerr McGee	29⅝	29⅞
Kimberly Clark	60⅝	60⅛
K Mart	32¼	32¼
Kroger	44	44
L.T.V. Corp	6⅞	6⅝
Litton	77⅛	78
Lockheed	48½	48⅝
Lucky Stores	23⅛	23⅛
Manuf Hanover	34⅞	34⅝
Manville Cp	5½	6½
Mapco	35⅝	36
Marine Midland	32	32⅛
Martin Marietta	34½	34
Masco	31⅝	31⅝
McDonnell	72⅞	73⅞
Mead	41⅝	40⅛
Merck	109¼	108
Minnesota Mng	76	74¾
Mobil Oil	28½	28⅝
Monsanto	47	45⅞
Morgan J. P.	46	44⅛
Motorola	35⅛	34⅞
NCR Corp	33	31⅝
NL Industries	11½	11½
Nat Distillers	32⅝	32
Nat Med Ent	23⅝	23⅝
Norfolk South	68½	67⅝
NW Bancorp	24¼	24
Occidental Pet	30	29⅞
Ogden	29⅛	29⅝
Olin Corp	32⅝	31½
Owens-Illinois	47⅞	46½
Pacific Gas Elec	18	18
Pan Am	7¼	7¼
Penney J. C.	49	48⅝
Pennzoil	46⅝	46
Pepsico	59⅞	59
Pfizer	47¼	45¼

	Sept 23	Sept 20
Phelps Dodge	20¼	18½
Philip Morris	77⅝	76¼
Phillips Petrol	11⅝	11⅝
Polaroid	31½	31¼
PPG Ind	44¾	43¾
Proctor Gamble	57½	57⅛
Pub Ser El & Gas	28¼	28¼
Raytheon	49⅞	49⅝
RCA Corp	42⅞	42½
Reynolds Ind	25⅞	25⅝
Reynolds Metal	33¼	33⅝
Rockwell Int	37⅝	37
Royal Dutch	62⅝	59⅝
Safeways	30⅞	30¼
Sara Lee	41⅞	41⅛
SFE Sopac	32⅛	31⅝
SCM	72⅞	72⅝
Schlumberger	34½	33⅞
Scott Paper	43	42⅝
Seagram	39⅝	39
Sears Roebuck	33⅝	33¼
Shell Trans	39⅞	38
Signal Co	42½	42½
Singer	35⅝	34⅛
Smithkline Beck	65⅝	63½
Sony	15⅝	15½
Sth Cal Edison	24¼	24
Sperry Corp	49⅝	49⅞
Std Oil Ohio	43⅝	43½
Sterling Drug	31½	31
Stevens J. P.	25⅛	25⅝
Sun Comp	50⅝	49⅞
Teledyne	233⅞	236⅝
Tenneco	38⅝	37⅝
Texaco	35⅝	35¼
Texas East Corp	32½	32⅛
Texas Inst	96⅝	9½
Texas Utilities	26⅞	26⅝
Textron	47¾	47⅝
Travelers Corp	41⅛	40¾
TRW Inc	82¼	79
UAL Inc	49⅞	49½
Union Carbide	53⅝	52⅞
Unocal	27½	27⅝
Un Pacific Corp	46⅛	45⅛
Uniroyal	21⅞	21¼
United Brands	20⅞	21
US Steel	31⅛	30¼
Utd Technol	38⅝	37⅝
Wachovia	31⅛	30⅞
Warner Lambert	38½	37¼
Wells Fargo	83	52⅞
Westinghse Elec	38⅞	38
Weyerhauser	28⅞	28½
Whirlpool	46⅞	45⅞
Woolworth	49	48
Xerox Corp	52⅛	51¼
Zenith	17	17

CANADIAN PRICES

	Sept 23	Sept 20
Abitibi	20½	20½
Alcan Alumin	35⅝	35
Algoma Steel	18⅝	18⅝
Bell Telephone	41¾	41½
Can Pacific	16⅝	17
Cominco	12⅞	12⅝
Cons Bathurst	16⅝	16¼
Gulf Oil	20	19⅞
Hawker/Sid Can	20	19⅝
Hudson Bay Mn	6⅝	6¼
Imasco	24⅝	24½
Imperial Oil	49¾	49⅞
Int Pipe	43	43
Mass.-Fergsn	3.20	3.15
Royal Trustco	20⅝	20¼
Seagram	54	53¾
Steel Co	21⅝	20⅞
Thomson N 'A'	21½	20½
Walker Hiram	31½	31½
WCT	16⅛	15⅞

● *Ex div.* a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Early dip for shares

New York (Agencies) – thestock market headed lower in early trading yesterday after the sharp gain on Monday.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which jumped 18 points on Monday in response to the five-nation programme aimed at driving the dollar lower, had dropped 2.13 points to 1,314.18 by late morning.

Declines led advances by a seven-to-four margin on a turnover of 29.36 million shares.

K Mart led the actives, unchanged at 32¼. AT & T (ex-dividend) was down ⅛ to 21⅞ in active trading.

General foods lost 1⅞ to 83½. Takeover talk recently drove the stock to the $90 level.

Manufacturers Hanover was up ⅛ to 35.

Marriott Corp was up 1⅛ to 91¾ and Prime Motor Inns up ⅞ to 33⅞.

Imperial Group is selling most of its Howard Johnson unit to Marriott, which in turn will sell certain parts to Prime.

● Leading commodity futures prices surged in response to the five-nation programme to depress the dollar, but some analysts 'doubted-tat the gains would last.

Grains and metals led other commodity futures higher, as traders anticipated improved demand for American commodities prices in dollars and a slowdown in competing imports.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Dec 85	89.50	89.50	89.34	89.36	2434
Mar 86	*89.74*	*89.74*	*89.64*	*89.64*	175
Jun 86	89.60	89.64	89.60	89.64	13
Sep 86	89.72	89.73	89.72	89.66	12
Previous day's total open interest 5817					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Dec 85	91.86	91.70	91.60	91.69	4859
Mar 86	91.28	91.35	91.25	91.33	661
Jun 86	90.93	90.06	90.92	90.95	227
Sep 86	90.58	90.69	90.57	90.61	67
Previous day's total open interest					
US Treasury Bond					
Dec 85	75-03	75-10	74-24	74-29	4220
Mar 86	73-28	73-28	73-28	73-27	1
Jun 86	NT				0
Previous day's total open interest 2878					
Short Gilt					
Dec 85	98-22	98-23	98-13	98-19	885
Mar 86	NT			98-35	0
Jun 86	NT				0
Previous day's total open interest 1275					
Long Gilt					
Sep 85	NT			112-18	0
Dec 85	*112-29*	*112-29*	*112-14*	*112-20*	2595
Mar 86	112-27	112-27	112-27	112-22	2
Jun 86	NT				0
Previous day's total open interest 3926					
FT-SE 100					
Sep 85	129.20	129.20	127.85	128.10	444
Dec 85	129.90	129.90	128.70	128.80	419
Previous day's total open interest 1727					

COMMODITIES

Sentiment and activity were dominated by the gyrating *dollar yesterday. Brisk trading* in the financial futures contracts, especially the currency-related futures and options, proved the point.

Copper and aluminium rose on the day, but tin was looking weak when translated into dollars and zinc continued to decline. At the equivalent of about $670 cash in the afternoon, the zinc market felt bearish.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

Rubber in p per kilo; Soyabean meal, coffee and cocoa in £ per tonne; Gas-oil and sugar in US $ per tonne.
G W Joynson and Co report

RUBBER	
Oct	580 SLR.
Nov	590 SLR.
Dec	600 SLR.

Jan, Feb, Mch, Apr, May and Jun unquoted. Jan-March unquoted. April-June unquoted.

Vol: Nil.

SUGAR (Raw)	
Oct	139.2-39.0
Dec	144.0-42.8
Mch	*153.0-52.8*
May	157.2-56.8
Aug	163.8-63.0
Oct	169.8-69.0

Vol: 875.

SUGAR (White)
Dec, Mch, May, Aug, Oct, Dec and Mch, unquoted.

COCOA	
Sep	1740-37
Dec	1780-79
Mar	1810-09
May	1823-22
July	1829-27
Sep	1833-28
Dec	1825-22
Vol	2314.

COFFEE	
Sep	1539-35
Nov	1565-63
Jan	1605-03
Mch	1634-30
May	1665-60
Jly	*1700-1690*
Sep	1730-20
Vol	3644.

SOYABEAN	
Oct	123.0-20.0
Dec	124.5-24.5
Feb	127.5-27.0
Apr	127.7-27.5
Jun	127.8-27.5
Aug	129.0-28.0
Oct	131.0-28.0
Vol	312.

GAS OIL	
Oct	215.75-151.50
Nov	248.50-248.25
Dec	246.00-245.75
Jan	244.25-244.00
Feb.	242.00-240.50
Mar	234.75-232.50
Apr	227.75-227.25
May	226.00-218.00
Jne	238.00-210.00

Vol. 1844.

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Unofficial prices
Official turnover figures
Prices in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE	
Cash	956.00-957.00
Three months	981.00-982.00
Vol	6800
Tone	steadier

STANDARD CATHODES	
Cash	943.00-946.00
Three months	966.00-968.00
Vol	nil
Tone	idle

TIN STANDARD	
Cash	8720-8750
Three months	8680-8681
Vol	1075
Tone	weak

TIN HIGH-GRADE	
Cash	8720-8730
Three months	8680-8685
Vol	nil
Tone	idle

LEAD	
Cash	286.50-287.00
Three months	294.75-295.00
Vol	4550
Tone	steady

ZINC STANDARD	
Cash	470.00-471.00
Three months	
Vol	200
Tone	quiet

ZINC HIGH GRADE	
Cash	472.00-473.00
Three months	479.00-480.00
Vol	3700
Tone	steadier

SILVER LARGE	
Cash	430.0-431.0
Three months	441.5-442.0
Vol	23
Tone	steady

SILVER SMALL	
Cash	430.0-431.0
Three months	441.5-442.0
Vol	nil
Tone	idle

ALUMINIUM	
Cash	687.00-688.00
Three months	709.00-710.00
Vol	6750
Tone	steady

NICKEL	
Cash	3125-3135
Three months	3175-3180
Vol	276
Tone	steady

LONDON MEAT FUTURES EXCHANGE

Live Pig Contract
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Oct	105.0	105.0
Nov	*104.0*	*104.0*
Jan	95.0	96.0
Feb	84.0	94.0
Mar	100.0	100.0
Apr	100.0	100.0
May	100.0	100.0
Jun	95.0	95.0
Jul	95.0	95.0
Aug	98.0	98.0
Sep	95.0	95.0
		Vol. 0

Pig meat
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Oct	115.5	115.0
Nov	115.0	116.0
Feb	102.4	102.9
Apr	103.4	103.4
Jun	101.5	101.6
Aug	100.5	100.7
		Vol. 71

LONDON POTATO FUTURES

£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Nov	50.60	51.70
Feb	62.50	63.40
Apr	78.50	78.50
May	84.50	85.00
		Vol. 645

BALTIC FREIGHT INDEX

G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd report
$10 per index point

	High/Low	Close
Oct 85	894.0-885.0	893.5
Jan 86	935.0-928.0	931.0
Apr 86	985.0-980.0	984.0
Jul 86	890.0-890.0	890.0
Oct 86	—	975.0
Jan 87	—	*1,000.0*
Apr 87	1,050-1,050.0	1,057.5
Jul 87	—	975.0

Spot: 826.0
Vol.: 351 lots.

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK *COMMISSION*

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 24

GB: Cattle, 92.60p per kg lw (-0.74).
GB: Sheep, 142.51p per kg est d c w (-6.09).
GB: Pigs, 79.77p per kg lw (-1.09).

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 4.1 per cent, ave. price, 91.48p (-1.23).
Sheep nos. down 10.3 per cent, ave. price, 144.75p (-4.09).
Pig nos. up 10.4 per cent, ave. price, 79.75p (-1.24).

Scotland:
Cattle nos. up 3.9 per cent, ave. price, 95.84p (+0.43).
Sheep nos. up 1.5 per cent, ave. price, *134.75p* (-12.72).
Pig nos. down 15.0 per cent, ave. price, 79.91p (+0.69).

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Nov	£105.75	£105.50
Jan	£108.75	£108.70
Mar	£111.75	£111.80
May	£114.75	£114.45
Jly	£117.70	—

Volume:	
Wheat	226
Barley	89

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

In much less volatile conditions yesterday, the market returned to near normality.

The calmer trading conditions saw a modest rally in the dollar from its further fall on Far Eastern and transatlantic markets overnight.

At one stage, the dollar had been cut to 225.00 yen in Tokyo as the Bank of Japan unloaded an appreciable amount of dollars.

Any hopes that more selling of dollars would take place when the central banks began business were soon dashed as a steady recovery in the dollar's fortunes soon ensued.

Sterling, meanwhile, reached 1.4430 for a brief spell during the morning, but finally settled at 1.4270, which was more than half a cent off the bottom.

At this position, the pound showed a rise of just 15 points.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range September 24	Market rates close September 24	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.4215-1.4370	$1.4260-1.4280	0.42-0.40c prem	1.07-1.04c prem
Montreal	$1.9413-1.9601	$1.9413-1.9454	0.50-0.41c prem	1.09-0.94c prem
Amsterdam	4.3489-4.3873fl	4.3616-4.3720fl	2¼-2c prem	6-5¾c prem
Brussels	78.23-79.09f	78.49-78.74f	20-14c prem	42-33c prem
Copenhagen	14.0129-14.1850k	14.0829-14.1112k	3⅝-2⅝ore prem	7¼-6⅛ore prem
Dublin	1.2484-1.2579p	1.2500-1.2510p	27-12p prem	64-37p prem
Frankfurt	3.8839-3.8970m	3.8738-3.8819m	2¼-2⅛pf prem	6⅝-6¼pf prem
Lisbon	237.97-243.11e	238.48-241.67e	40 prem-295e disc	465-1550e disc
Madrid	233.04-235.05p	233.76-234.52p	par-40p disc	90-215p disc
Milan	2612.30-2631.50lr	2619.26-2627.22lr	2-5lr disc	11-15lr disc
Oslo	11.4861-11.5758k	11.5276-11.5560k	½-1⅛ore disc	4¼-5ore disc
Paris	11.7960-11.8912f	11.8191-11.8500f	2-1½c prem	2¼-1¾c prem
Stockholm	11.5829-11.6902k	11.5985-11.6295k	4¼-4⅝ore disc	13-13¾ore disc
Tokyo	327.20-330.57y	327.75-328.58y	1½-1¼y prem	4-3⅝y prem
Vienna	27.02-27.36sch	27.02-27.10sch	16-14¼gro prem	42⅛-38¼gro prem
Zurich	3.1720-3.1967f	3.1848-3.1935f	2½-1⅞c prem	5⅝-5c prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down 0.2 at 82.8 (day's range 82.6-83.1).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	114.88-114.91
Australia dollar	2.0211-2.0282
Bahrain dinar	0.5405-0.5445
Brazil cruzeiro	10889.60-11045.60
Cyprus pound	0.8050-0.8150
Finland marka	8.2930-8.3330
Greece drachma	189.0-191.0
Hong Kong dollar	11.1330-11.1530
India rupee	16.91-17.11
Iraq dinar	n.a.
Kuwait dinar (KD)	0.4280-0.4330
Malaysia dollar	3.5131-3.5240
Mexico peso	525.0-555.0
New Zealand dollar	2.6329-2.6456
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.2360-5.2760
Singapore dollar	3.0909-3.1014
South Africa rand	3.6458-3.6968
United Arab Emirates dirham	5.2670-5.2760

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.1440-1.1470
Singapore	2.1600-2.1650
Malaysia	2.4550-2.4600
Australia	0.7070-0.7080
Canada	1.3600-1.3610
Sweden	8.1250-8.1350
Norway	8.0625-8.0725
Denmark	9.8600-9.8700
West Germany	2.7130-2.7150
Switzerland	2.2280-2.2310
Netherlands	3.0470-3.0500
France	8.2700-8.2800
Japan	229.80-230.00
Italy	1830.0-1833.0
Belgium(Comm)	54.82-54.92
Hong Kong	7.7800-7.7850
Portugal	166.0-171.0
Spain	163.1-163.6
Austria	19.01-19.06

- Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel. *Lloyds Bank International.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

By the end of yesterday's session the euphoria that on Monday had greeted the Group of Five plans to reduce the dollar's value had largely evaporated, thanks partly to comments by Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor.

The interbank overnight rate opened at 12-11 3-4 per cent, but firmed gradually to peak at 13 per cent. The close was in the region of 12 1-2 – 12 Local authorities stayed quiet.

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11½
Finance House 12

Discount Market Loans%
Overnight: High 12 Low 11½
Week fixed: 11⅝-11½

Treasury *Bills* (Discount %)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	11 3/32	2 months	11
3 months	10 31/32	3 months	10 27/32

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)

1 month	11 5/16-11 7/32	2 months	11⅛-11 1/32
3 months	11-10 29/32	6 months	10 7/16-10 5/16

Trade Bills (Discount %)

1 month	11 15/16	2 months	11¾
3 months	11⅝	6 months	11⅛

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 12 close 12½-12

1 week	12-11½-11⅝	6 months	11 3/16-11⅛
1 month	11⅝-11 9/16	9 months	11 1/16-10 15/16
3 months	11 7/16-11 5/16	12 months	11 1/16-10 15/16

Local Authority Deposits (%)

2 days	11½	7 days	11½
1 month	11⅝	3 months	11¼
6 months	11	12 months	10⅞

Local Authority Bonds (%)

1 month	12⅛-12	2 months	11⅞-11¾
3 months	11⅞-11¾	6 months	11¾-11⅝
9 months	11¾-11⅝	12 months	11¾-11⅝

Sterling CDs (%)

1 month	11⅝-11½	3 months	11 9/16-11 7/16
6 months	10 15/16-10 13/16	12 months	10 13/16-10 11/16

Dollar CDs (%)

1 month	7.95-7.85	3 months	8.05-7.95
6 months	8.15-8.05	12 months	8.50-8.40

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	8-7
7 days	8 1/16-7 15/16	1 month	8-7⅞
3 months	8 5/16-8 3/16	6 months	8⅜-8¼
Deutschmark		*call*	*4⅝-3½*
7 days	4 7/16-4 5/16	1 month	4⅛-4⅜
3 months	4½-4⅜	6 months	4 11/16-4 9/16
French Franc		call	10-9
7 days	9½-9⅜	1 month	9⅝-9½
3 months	10⅜-10¼	6 months	10 13/16-10 11/16
Swiss Franc		call	2⅝-1⅞
7 days	10½-10½	1 month	4½-4⅜
3 months	4 9/16-4 7/16	6 months	4⅞-4⅝
Yen		call	6½-5½
7 days	7-6⅞	1 month	6 9/16-6 7/16
3 months	6 9/16-6 7/16	6 months	6⅝-6¼

GOLD

Krugerrand* (per coin):
$ 332.25-333.75 (£232.50-233.75)
Sovereigns* (new):
$78.25-79.25 (£54.75-55.50)
*Excludes VAT

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period 7 August, 1985, to 3 September, 1985, inclusive: 11.574 per cent.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price		Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
191	87	Ailsa	92	●	..	2.6	2.8	..
666	550	Alliance	606	●	-10	28.1n	4.5	..
135	118	Amer Trust	119	●	-3	4.3	3.6	..
302	245	Ang Amer Sec	261	●	-3	8.1	3.1	..
145	123	Ashdown	123		-4	4.2b	3.4	..
120	88	Atlantic Assets	107	●	..	0.8	0.7	..
102	83	Bankers	89		-3	3.5b	3.8	..
194	152	Berry	160		-3	1.4b	0.9	..
176	152	Border & Sthrn	157		-1	4.7	3.0	..
215	150	Br Assets	207	●	-3	9.9b	4.8	..
31¼	25	Br Empire Sec	30½		-½	1.3	4.2	..
373	312	British Inv	341		-8	20.3	6.0	..
75	64	Brunner	71		-4	3.1b	4.4	..
88	72	Charter Agency	77		..	3.2b	4.2	..
685	525	Continental	606		..	28.5	4.7	..
178	118	Crescent Japan	127		..	1.1	0.9	..
465	365	Delta	380		..	..	..	..
109	97	Derby Inc	105		+1	10.9	10.3	..
107	85	Do Cap	104		..	..	..	..
287	234	Drayton Cons	265		-3	13.4b	4.7	..
148	112	Drayton Far East	121	●	+1	1.6	1.3	..
420	346	Drayton Japan	365		..	3.8e	1.0	..
422	362	*Drayton Premier*	414	●	-8	20.7b	5.0	..
183	160	Dundee Lon	167		-4	7.4b	4.4	..
118	89	Edin Amer Asset	100		-2	0.6	0.6	..
117	103	Edinburgh	109		-2	4.1	3.7	..
282	254	Electric Gen	269		-3	5.1	1.9	..
127	114	English Int	117		-2	5.0	4.3	..
78	65	English Scot	71	●	-1	1.9	2.8	..
106½	81	English NY	100	●	-3	3.6	3.6	..
87	76	F & C Alliance	79		-1	2.4	3.1	..
165	122	F&C Pacific	128		..	5.4	4.2	..
228	186	Family	212	●	-5	11.3b	5.3	..
279	242	First Scot Amer	253	●	-7	12.9b	5.1	..
185	120	First Un Gen	120		..	8.7	7.3	..
580	418	Fleming American	418		..	7.5	1.8	..
280	235	Fleming Claver	265	●	-4	12.8	4.8	..
270	233	Fleming Enterprise	268	●	..	12.1	4.5	..
109	76	Fleming Far East	79½		..	1.4	1.9	..
113	100	Fleming Fledgling	103		-1	3.6	3.5	..
566	405	Fleming Japan	406		-2	5.7	1.4	..
120	105	Fleming Mercantile	112½	●	-½	4.3	3.8	..
134	105	Fleming Overseas	103	●	-1	3.9	3.8	..
183	128	Fleming Tech	121	●	-1	3.3	2.7	..
334	272	Fleming Universal	274		-2	7.1	2.8	..
74	68	For Col	60½	●	-1	2.0b	3.3	..
121	92	GBC Capital	99		+1	..	..	..
185	115	GT Japan	121		+1	2.0b	1.7	..
124	97	General Funds	123		+1	2.7	2.2	..
261	230	General Cons	245		-4	14.3b	5.8	..
125	103½	Glasgow Stock	110	●	..	2.9b	2.7	..

1985 High	Low	Company	Price		Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
285	251	Globe	278		-2	14.1	5.1	..
245	202	Greenfriar	235		-2	2.4	1.0	..
275	220	Gresham House	245		..	6.3	2.6	..
164	138	Hambros	159		..	6.0	3.8	..
257	226	Hill (P)	249		-3	13.5	5.5	..
540	448	Invest-in Success	458	●	..	7.8	1.7	..
235	208	Inv Cap	215	●	-3	5.2b	2.4	..
62	46½	Japan Assets	47½		+½	0.1	0.1	..
161½	127	Lake View	131		..	3.3	2.5	..
191	162	Law Debenture	175	●	-1	8.6b	4.9	..
85	66	Lon Merchant Sec	79	●	+1	3.1	4.0	..
89	68	Lon Trust	71	●	-1	6.1	8.6	..
98	86	Merchants	92	●	-1	5.4b	5.8	..
174	135	Monks	137		-1	3.4b	2.5	..
121	105	Murray Income	118	●	..	7.7b	6.5	..
117	85	Murray Growth	117		+1	2.0	1.7	..
134	112	Murray Intl	120	●	-1½	6.4a	5.4	..
189	163	Murray Small	182	●	..	3.7	2.0	..
282	208	Murray Venture	283		..	6.3b	2.2	..
383	354	New Court	362		-1	20.4	5.6	..
77	61	New Darien Oil	65		..	0.5e	0.7	—
178	153	1928	157	●	-2	6.7	4.2	..
48	37	[illegible] Inc 83	46		+½	3.9b	8.4	..
243	157	New Tokyo	175		..	2.1	1.2	..
324	247	Nth Atlantic Sec	248		-3	4.6	1.8	..
123	83	Nth Sea Assets	89		..	0.7	0.9	..
253	233	Nthn Amer	233		-3	7.7b	3.3	..
138	126	Outwich	131		-2	4.3	3.3	..
161	84	Pacific Assets	84		..	..	..	..
43	33	Do Wrnts	33		..	..	..	..
48	32	Personal Assets	42	●	..	0.3	0.7	..
340	282	Raeburn	310		-2	14.1b	4.5	..
138	125	River & Merc	135	●	-1	7.9b	5.8	..
236	186	*River Plate*	213	●	-1	10.7	5.0	..
182	168	Robeco	173		..	..	..	..
171	150	Rolinco	155		..	..	..	..
287	228	Romney	232		-2	6.9b	2.9	..
11¼	10	Rorento	£10⅝		..	..	..	..
713	98	St Andrews	105	●	..	4.0b	3.8	..
285	235	Scottish	275	●	-3	7.9	2.8	..
252	211	Scot American	246		-2	8.4	3.4	..
84½	73	Scot Eastern	80½	●	-2	2.9b	3.6	..
408	346	Scot Mtge	354		-3	10.7b	3.0	..
243	204	Scot Nat	220		-1	6.4b	2.9	..
153	119	Scot Nthn	146		-1	5.4	3.7	..
383	354½	Scot Merc 'A'	368		-3	20.0	5.6	..
596	500	Second Alliance	525	●	-3	23.2	4.4	..
128	108	Sec Of Scotland	122		-1	5.7b	4.7	..
78	62	Smaller Cos	62		-3	2.4	3.9	..
38	32	Stewart Enterp	37	●	..	0.6	1.5	..
145	110	Stockholders	113		-2	3.6	3.2	..
100	76	Tr Australia	83		+1	2.9	3.5	..

1985 High	Low	Company	Price		Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
92	78	Tr City Of Lon Dfd	88		..	5.5b	6.3	..
155	137	Tr Ind & Gen	141		-2	5.0	3.5	..
255	205	Tr Natural Res	211		+1	10.7	5.1	..
111	86	Tr North America	90		-1	2.9	3.3	..
148½	112	Tr Pacific Basin	112		..	1.4	1.3	..
147	128	Tr Property	141		..	5.1	3.6	..
101	79	Tr Tech	82		..	2.5	3.0	..
138	124	Tr Trustees	135	●	-1	5.4b	4.0	..
127	111	Temple Bar	124½	●	+½	7.1b	5.7	..
230	211	Throgmorton	231		+1	10.7a	4.6	..
283	248	Throg Secured Cap	283		+5	..	..	..
167	142	Trans Oceanic	143		-4	4.9b	3.4	..
126	105	Tribune	107½	●	-½	3.3	3.1	..
82	74	Triplevest Inc	82		..	13.4	16.3	..
215	188	US Debenture	201	●	-2	9.3b	4.6	..
82	62	Viking Resource	62		-½	1.6	2.6	..
82	67	Westpool	81		..	2.2	2.7	..
110	85	Winterbottm Energy	85		..	1.0b	1.2	..
159	139	Witan	145		-1	3.9	2.7	..
284	258	Yeoman	275	●	-2	13.8b	5.0	..

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price		Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
416	280	Akroyd & Smithers	385		+10	..	..	14.8
37⅝	23⅝	American Express	£29⅝		+⅞	..	..	..
33½	19	Argyle	33½		..	..	..	17.1
95	32	Boustead	85		-1	..	..	..
115	89	Britannia Arrow	108		-1	3.7	3.4	17.6
14⅞	8 5/16	Daily Mail	£12⅞		..	60.0	4.8	19.4
13⅝	8½	Do 'A'	£12⅝		..	60.0	4.8	19.3
153	113	Electra	125½		-1½	5.3	4.1	33.0
111	80	Eng Assoc	105	●	-3	4.3	4.0	13.6
246	175	Exco	202		..	4.5	2.2	16.1
95	68	Exploration	95	●	..	3.0	4.4	12.1
12½	10	First Charlotte	10½		..	0.1	0.7	..
863	700	Framlington	720	●	..	14.3	2.0	17.2
95	68	Frost (J) & Dy	88		-2	5.7	6.4	12.2
105	44	Goode (D & M)	94		..	1.5	1.8	16.4
880	676	Henderson Admin	860		+30	22.9	2.7	12.4
700	365	M & G	675		-35	19.5	2.9	26.8
369	217	Mercantile House	279	●	-3	18.5	6.7	7.5
405	300	Mills & Allen	360		-5	22.9	6.5	11.0
113	75	Pacific Inv Tst	75		-1	..	..	..
41	20	Do Warrants	29		-½	..	..	..
147	93	Smith Brothers	138		+1	6.5	6.2	16.1

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL				
0202 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt & Fixed	112.5	118.1●	-0.2	10.06
High Inc Equity	73.0	77.8e	..	6.38
Worldwide Bond	147.0	157.8●	+1.2	8.15
American Growth	125.3	133.3	+1.2	3.00
Asian Pacific	43.7	47.3	+0.5	2.84
Assets & Earns	78.0	83.4	-0.2	2.18
Capital Reserve	59.8	60.1	..	..
Comm & Energy	67.9	73.0●	+0.2	2.08
European Capital	62.0	66.3	+0.1	2.71
General	111.5	119.3	-0.2	3.56
Japan	142.4	153.1c	+1.4	..
UK Growth Inc	74.6	80.2a	..	1.92
Do Accum	106.0	114.0a	..	..
US Emerging Co's	49.8	57.6c	+0.7	0.49
Equitas Progress	157.5	168.7	-0.4	3.90
AITKEN HUME FUNDS MANAGEMENT				
30, City Road, London EC1Y 2AY				
01-638 6011				
American Tech	96.0	102.7●	+0.5	0.10
Pacific	111.9	119.7	+0.7	0.69
Sec Income Fnd	140.2	150.0	..	5.84
Special Situations	159.9	170.0	..	1.55
Energy & Res	28.5	30.6	-0.2	0.10
American Majors	53.5	57.3	+0.3	2.60
Small Co's	29.6	31.6●	+0.1	1.97
Japan Technology	50.4	53.9	+0.9	0.10
International Income	50.0	53.4	+0.1	7.00
Exempt	439.9	470.5e	..	2.36
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Hse, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex				
0277 211459 & 0277 229123				
First Trust	177.4	188.9●	-0.4	3.79
Growth & Income	106.6	112.7c	-0.3	4.07
Capital Trust	189.2	201.5c	-0.5	3.33
Balanced	283.6	302.0	-0.9	3.84
Accum Trust	431.6	459.9	-1.4	3.15
American Income	25.6	27.3●	+0.1	6.20
High Income Tst	186.1	198.2●	-0.5	5.75
Equity Income	103.6	110.3	-0.2	5.97
High Yield	114.1	121.5	-0.1	6.69
Govt Secs Trust	29.2	30.5	+0.1	9.44
International	56.0	59.6	+0.3	2.33
Japan Fund	55.0	59.6	+0.3	0.01
Pacific Trust	106.7	113.6	+0.9	1.70
Amer Spcl Sits	53.1	56.6●	+0.3	2.06
Secs Of Amer Tst	161.6	172.3	+1.1	1.21
Ald Asset Value	172.4	183.6	-0.4	3.66
Gilt Growth	33.9	35.4	-0.1	3.19
Smaller Co's	97.7	104.1	-0.2	2.95
2nd Smaller Co's	130.4	138.9●	-0.2	2.92
Recovery Trust	80.2	84.1	+0.2	2.82
Met Min & Cmdty	77.5	82.5	+0.6	2.62
O'seas Earnings	145.5	155.0	-0.5	3.63
Technology Tst	70.2	74.8	+0.4	1.86
Income Exempt	99.5	105.8	-0.4	6.55
Exempt Smaller Co's	172.6	183.0c	-0.7	3.38
USA Exempt Trust	261.9	277.6●	+1.3	1.37
ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES				
131, Finsbury Pavement, London EC2A 1AY				
01-588 9876 01-280 8540/1/2/3				
Capital Growth Inc	47.0	50.2	-0.3	2.11
Do Accum	50.8	54.3	-0.2	2.11

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt Yield Inc	109.0	112.3●	+0.1	10.02
Do Accum	184.7	189.7●	+0.3	10.02
High Yield Inc	65.7	69.9c	..	6.87
Do Accum	124.7	132.7c	..	6.87
Japan Income	122.5	130.1	-2.2	0.43
Do Accum	123.0	130.6	-2.2	0.43
N American Inc	202.9	213.8	..	1.77
Do Accum	233.2	245.1	..	1.77
Pacific Income	78.4	82.7	-3.2	1.10
Do Accum	87.9	92.8	-3.5	1.10
Smlr Co's Inc	293.8	312.6	..	2.54
Do Accum	342.4	364.3	..	2.54
BRITANNIA UNIT TRUST				
74-78 Finsbury Pavement London EC2A 1JD				
01-588 2777 Dealing:01-638 0478/9				
Viewpoint 01-675 5050				
Growth Gilt	56.1	57.0●	-0.1	0.95
Recovery	81.1	86.6e	-0.2	2.29
Smaller Co's	120.6	128.6●	-0.1	1.43
Spec Mkt Sits	72.1	76.9e	-0.2	1.58
UK Growth	31.1	33.2	..	2.98
Extra Inc	50.3	53.7	-0.1	7.98
Gilt	26.3	27.7	..	9.24
Inc & Growth	158.4	168.8	-0.4	4.93
Nat High Inc	139.7	149.0●	-0.5	6.38
Pref Shares	17.3	18.5●	..	10.90
Commodity	128.3	136.9	+0.7	3.35
Financial Secs	36.7	39.1	..	2.58
Gold & Gen	18.4	19.8	+0.2	3.61
Int Leisure	12.8	13.7	-0.1	1.09
Prop Shares	41.9	44.7●	..	1.81
Univ Energy	48.1	51.3	-0.8	0.34
World Tech	36.3	38.7●	+0.2	0.56
Amer Growth	79.4	84.7●	+1.1	3.74
Amer Income	51.8	55.2●	+0.1	6.48
Amer Smaller Co's	21.1	22.5	+0.1	2.02
Amer Special	63.1	67.3	..	3.26
Aust Growth	63.7	67.9●	+0.2	1.94
Euro Smaller	9.9	10.6	-0.1	1.49
Far East	33.7	35.9●	+0.3	1.72
Hong Kong Prf	22.8	24.3	+0.1	3.34
Intl Growth	26.7	28.5	+0.2	2.10
Japan Perf	34.6	36.9	+1.0	..
Japan Smaller	8.5	9.1●	+0.1	..
Exempt	60.5	63.3	-0.2	4.30
Exempt Market	60.5	63.4	-0.3	4.42
BROWN SHIPLEY				
9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath				
0444 458144				
BS Fund Income	46.8	50.1	-0.3	4.47
Do Accum	77.2	82.6	-0.4	..
Financial	98.6	105.1●	..	2.95
Growth Accum	154.1	165.7e	-0.9	..
Do Income	100.7	108.3c	-0.2	1.85
High Income	48.8	52.3●	-0.2	7.25
Income	57.9	62.3c	-0.2	6.11
North American	46.0	49.4	-0.4	1.30
Orient	44.1	47.4	+0.4	0.25
Recovery	27.3	29.4	..	3.65
Technology	107.6	115.7	+0.6	0.65
Exempt	158.4	170.4	-2.7	3.48
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT				
01-588 2868				
General Inc (4)	167.7	178.4	..	4.09
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FINANCIAL SERVICES

Tougher line at IMF as more members fall into arrears

By Sarah Hogg

Growing unease about arrears permeates the International Monetary Fund's account of its own activities – the core of its annual report, published today. Proportionately, the IMF's bad eggs remain a remarkably small proportion of its total basket of clients, particularly since these clients are – by definition – the weakest of the world's economies. Yet there is no doubt that there is a worrying increase in the number of governments who – in the IMF's discreet parlance – have experienced "difficulties in settling their financial obligations to the fund on time."

The IMF has finally bitten the bullet and tightened up both its procedures with respect to dilatory members and its accounting practices. Of the seven governments currently in arrears, four have been formally declared ineligible for Fund credit, Vietnam, Cambodia and Guyana and now Mexico, which the IMF formally debarred.

New accounting treatment of arrears turns the [illegible] income reported by the fund in 1983-84 (some 73 million SDRs or $75 million) into a net deficit of 30 million SDRs in the following year, very modestly reducing the fund's total reserves to 1,044 million SDRs at the end of the latest financial year in April.

The short list of members publicly cut off without the IMF's shilling so far includes only one of its big borrowers in Latin America. Argentina is hanging on. Peru, which is threatening to cut itself off, is talking big. It features on the formidable list of countries which have by now had more than 10 stand-bys since 1952.

The IMF's regulars [illegible] in fact, the greatest incentive to keep up to date, and tend to follow the normal government practice of paying back the fund before meeting any other debts. However, the fund system has undoubtedly been under strain during the early-1980s, and it is clearly with some relief that the fund reports that use of its facilities diminished in 1984-85.

There were only 30 stand-by arrangements in operation this April, 9 fewer than two years [illegible] Only [illegible] new ones became effective during that year, amounting to some 3,454 billion SDRs in total – Argentina alone accounted for nearly half of this sum.

Extended arrangements, running for as long as three years, have been passing out of fashion; there were only three in operation this April, as compared with 15 in 1981. This shift helped to bring down the fund's total commitments, which have dropped by more than half in two years. Compared with the total quotas of IMF members – their subscriptions, as it were, which also define their borrowing limits – the decline is even more marked.

However, total outstanding fund credit continued to rise; though it has remained fairly constant as a proportion of quotas. This includes members' use of a whole variety of borrowing possibilities, such as the "compensatory financing facility" introduced to help countries which experience a sudden and unforeseen drop in export earnings from primary products with volatile prices.

During 1984-85, the IMF acquired two modest new members, Mozambique and St Christopher and Nevis, bringing its total membership to 148. Bigger fish – notably Poland – were nibbling too.

The IMF's annual report also provides insights into the international financial markets. The IMF is best-placed to detect changes in the murky area of foreign exchange reserves, where it reports a further trend away from the dollar. Although government holdings of dollars increased in 1984, and their value rose too, the proportion of total reserves held in dollars declined.

The change from the 1970s is even more marked if those dollars now held in the European Monetary Co-operation Fund and redefined as Ecus are excluded; with that adjustment, it can be said that only just over half of all foreign currency reserves are now held in dollars. Although the German mark clearly holds second place, the yen has been creeping up to 5 per cent of the total.

The IMF also charts the decline in international bank lending in the past two years, to developing countries in particular. And it sums up the growth in bond issues. International bond offerings rose, says the IMF, faster than at any time these past two decades. The issue of floating rate notes jumped by 95 per cent in 1984. Most of the borrowers came from the industrial world, whose share of the total increased. Britain's issue last week was not exactly a trend-setter; it rode a powerful tide.

SUMMARY OF IMF ACTIVITIES

	1979	1983	1984	1985
Number of stand-by and extended arrangements as of April 30	20	39	35	30
Commitments*	1,600.4	25,025.5	18,569.4	11,675.3
As per cent of total quotas	4.1	41.0	20.9	13.1
Outstanding Fund Credit*	8,873	23,590	31,742	34,973
As per cent of total quotas	22.7	38.6	35.6	39.2
Number of countries	73	85	84	83

*In billions of SDRs

Share of national currencies in total identified official holdings of foreign exchange – end of selected years 1977-84 (in %)

	1977	1983	1984	ECUs Treated separately 1984
All countries				
Dollar	78.0	68.5	65.1	57.0
Sterling	1.8	2.6	2.9	2.6
Deutsche mark	9.1	11.2	12.0	11.0
French franc	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.0
Swiss franc	2.2	2.3	2.0	1.9
Netherlands guilder	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7
Japanese yen	2.4	4.7	5.2	4.8
Unspecified currencies	4.4	8.7	11.0	21.1

INTERNATIONAL BOND ISSUES AND PLACEMENTS 1979-81 (In millions of dollars)

	1979	1983	1984
FOREIGN BONDS			
Industrial countries	13,421	18,693	18,299
Developing countries	1,431	893	1,618
Centrally planned economies	43	–	–
International organizations	5,259	7,269	7,580
Other	154	195	304
Total Foreign Bonds	20,308	27,050	27,801
EUROBONDS			
Industrial countries	14,212	41,015	73,145
Developing countries	1,885	2,382	3,646
Centrally planned economies	30	–	–
International organizations	2,220	6,074	4,218
Other	344	627	808
Total Eurobonds	18,691	50,098	81,817
INTERNATIONAL BONDS			
Industrial countries	27,633	59,708	91,444
Developing countries	3,316	3,275	5,264
Centrally planned economies	73	–	–
International organizations	7,479	13,343	11,798
Other	498	822	1,112
Total International bonds	38,999	77,148	109,618

Frequent fund users

	(Total No of standbys approved for member since 1958)
Haiti	20
Liberia	18
Peru	17
Philippines	17
Panama	16
Korea	15
Turkey	15
Uruguay	13
Argentina	11
Ecuador	11
Guatemala	10

Total cross-border bank lending and deposit-taking 1982-84 (In billions of dollars; changes in period)

	1982	1983	1984
Net flow of funds to (+) and from (–)			
Industrial countries	–22	–1	–14
Developing countries	+45	–1	–4

APPOINTMENTS

Royal Bank of Scotland Group: Mr Charles Winter has been appointed chief executive following the retirement of Mr Sid Procter.

Prudential Corporation: Mr Mick Newmarch has been made a director.

Touche, Remnant & Company: From October 1, Dr H. A. Klein Haneveld will be a director of Touche Remnant & Company and investment director for Touche Remnant.

Dowty Group: **Lord Sandon** will be joining the board as a non-executive director and chairman-elect on January 1. He will become non-executive chairman on June 1. Mr R. E. J. Roberts will be non-executive deputy chairman from January 1.

Charles Winter

Ernst & Whinney: Mr Gareth Jones has been appointed managing partner of management consulting services.

Scotts Restaurant: Mr Tom Arnold MP has been made a director.

IC Gas: Mr Brian Wilmot is now a director of Calor Group. Mr David Mitchell has become a member of the IC Gas executive committee.

Lord Sandon

Wedlake Bell: Mr Clive Weber will be a partner from October 1.

North Thames Gas: Mr Peter Smith has been made director of finance. He succeeds Mr Barry Reynolds who has become director of accounting services at British Gas.

TEMPUS

DRG gambles on growth to stay independent

DRG is midway between shake-up and break-up. Since 1979, the group has been quietly reorganizing itself, selling businesses here, improving its ratios there, and switching out of mature markets into trading areas with better growth prospects and higher margins.

Against a background of interim profits ahead by about 50 per cent at £15.7 million, yesterday's one-for-four rights' issue, raising £33.4 million, looks well timed. DRG plans to make a series of small acquisitions, pushing further into areas like medical and plastics packaging, branded stationery, and specialist engineering.

The fact that DRG has powerful City friends like Schroder Wagg and Cazenove in support augurs well. So does the group's favourable British tax position. Domestic operating profits of £13.7 million attracted tax – all advance corporation tax of just £1.2 million, and this happy situation of marginal tax bills is likely to continue until the late eighties.

Net worth looks set to rise rapidly, and analysts see an increase this year of some 60p to 150p. This ought to provide the shares with useful net asset support.

The emphasis on net worth, which is complemented by a relatively conservative dividend policy, underlines the search by DRG for market rerating as a capital growth stock rather than an income share. Assuming profits this year exceed £30 million, the target p/e is about 7½, or a 30 per cent discount on the sector average. Plainly there is plenty of scope for movement towards a Bunzl-style multiple.

Yet if DRG fails to deliver the goods, via acquisitions, and organic growth, and is not successful in securing a higher protective rating, then its clutch of brand names, like Basildon Bond and Croxley Script seems bound to attract predators, who would have no difficulty in desmembering the group. The shares look a neat each-way bet for long term investors.

Boase Massimi

Even the creative talents of Boase Massimi Pollitt were insufficient to conjure up half-year profits to impress the City. The market's reaction to pretax profits of £1.5 million, up from £1.1 million was to mark the shares down 20p to 334p.

The figures were disappointing and flattered by the inclusion of a first-time contribution from Marketing Solutions, which also made it difficult to pinpoint the group's underlying growth.

However, the results mask start-up costs of three new enterprises, some problems with Marketing Solutions in the United States and the postponement of some important agency work, which has been deferred to the second half.

The fairly even flow of profits seen in 1984 will thus give way to a year which is heavily biased in favour of the second half. BMP should be capable of making more than £4 million for the full year.

That prospect may be insufficient to lure buyers back in their hordes. However, sentiment will be greatly improved if BMP succeeds in its bid to capture the lucrative Asda account.

Asda billings have been estimated at about £15 million a year which, if BMP is appointed, will more than compensate for the loss of the Argyll account, which was worth perhaps one third of that amount.

The enlarged BMP group with a wider spread of activities has still, perhaps, to prove that it can operate effectively and profitably although the early indications are encouraging.

The shares could still be picked up for the long term

Fairbriar

There are several key questions which investors in residential property companies ask themselves these days. The first is: does the company build timber framed houses. Secondly, are its profit margins being squeezed by incentives to purchasers and thirdly, is it paying large amounts of interest to hold an expensive landbank.

In the case of Fairbriar which is coming to the stock market for £5.9 million with a capitalization of £21.24 million, the company has no timber framed housing. It holds a small land bank and its profit margins remain at at steady 30 per cent.

The company offers no incentives to buyers in the shape of cheap mortgages or household equipment. It is a small builder completing about 160 homes a year.

The company sells well because it offers the middle to upper income buyer individuality, a commodity in demand in London and the Home Counties.

Present profits are £2.16 million and forecast to be £3.1 million by next March 31, helped by the prospect of further falls in interest rates and a strong market in the prosperous South east, where prices are rising by more than 12 per cent a year. Only 28 per cent of the company will be offered for sale by Hill Samuel & Co.

Borrowings of £1.9 million will be repaid from the net proceeds of the flotation, a figure accruing to Fairbriar o its demerger from Mr Dipre's Starwest Holdings. The prospective p/e ratio is 10.2.

Steetley

Hanson Trust's takeover of London Brick has been good for all brick makers, especially Hanson. Steetley plays down the effect, saying its prices have not gone up by as much as those at London Brick. But bricks nevertheless stand out as a buoyant sector of the building materials industry, which in general is suffering from a severe of competition with the majors fighting for market share.

Steetley would therefore like to expand in brick making but acquisitions are effectively ruled out by monopolies considerations. It has opted therefore, to build a new brick making plant, boosting its capacity by 50 million bricks a year to 400 million.

The company's success in this area has yet to become fully apparent in the figures. In the first half, profits from Britain fell from £15.1 million to £14 million because of the bad winter weather and the extra costs of transporting coal during the miners' strike and for a period following it. Profits would have been £1 million lower if not for an unexpected gain on the disposal of a surplus property.

The second half should see some catching up at home but the difficulty of winning price increases of products other than bricks means progress is likely to be fairly muted. On that basis, the shares at 338p, down 7p, look fairly valued, on a multiple 10 times this year's likely earnings.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Index falls 12 points to five-week low

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

The group of five summit again weighed heavily on the stock market yesterday. The sterling revaluation, if not continuing at the pace some had anticipated, was strong enough to chip away at the shares of leading overseas earners and with lower interest rate hopes seemingly deferred shares endured an uncomfortable, even taunt day.

There were some chunky lines of stock on offer and some failed to find a new home. Among shares which required placing attentions were **General Electric Co, Farnell Electronics, Dunhill Holdings, Harrisons & Crosfield** and **Standard and Chartered Bank.**

At the close the FT 30-share index was down 12.6 points at 982.7 points, its lowest level for five weeks. Although the index closed above its worst level, the market remained dispirited and the slight rally was due to just a smattering of bargain hunting.

For once the FT–SE share index, which embraces 100 stocks, turned in a marginally less depressing performance than its more popular rival. It finished 12.0 points down at 1,280.1 points after at one time recording a modest gain.

Government stocks, after their bright showing on Monday, were back in the doldrums, falling by up to £½.

Among blue chips **Imperial Group** fell 6p to 188p following the ending of the protracted sale negotiations for its Howard Johnson off-shoot.

Now, most observers believe, Imps has got to strike – or suffer the torment of an unwanted takeover bid. Among the likely Imps bid targets **Vaux Breweries** of Sunderland rose 7p to 348p and **United Biscuits (Holdings)** advanced 3p to 179p. **Ranks Hovis McDougall,** another possible Imps candidate eased 1p to 152p although there were indications of some determined, if discreet, buying.

British Aerospace was back in trouble. Apart from the downturn in the market, the City began hearing troubling stories about a strike at the Wharton factory in Lancashire.

Worse still the strike may put in jeopardy the contract to supply Tornado and Hawk aircraft to Saudi Arabia. A representative of the Middle East Government was reported to have had to cross a picket line at Wharton on his way to signing part of the deal.

There is also talk that the Saudi plan to pay in oil and cash is not acceptable to the British Government. Whitehall feels embarrassed at taking oil when the North Sea is producing at a high rate.

Hoare Govett and Panmure Gordon & Co, the brokers, jointly placed 4,500,000 shares of Stone International at 161p yesterday. The shares came from directors and institutional shareholders and were taken up by other institutions. Stone shares fell 5p to 166p.

Demand for a wholly cash payment could further threaten the potential £3,000 million contract. BAe shares dropped 10p to 405p, refusing to respond to the recent bullish comment about the group among City pundits.

T I Group continue to drift downward, the share price losing 5p to 388p. lack of takeover news was again the excuse especially in yesterday's dour atmosphere.

Evered Holdings, the potential bidder for TI, slipped 2p to 236p. The group reported half year profits on Monday, and kept the City happy with a more than 100 per cent jump in the pretax total.

Dowty Group slipped 1p to 197p. The company is holding its own in the current market mood because of its involvement in a variety of aerospace contracts. But there is concern that significant pit closures will hurt its mining engineering business.

Hanson Trust shares dipped 4p to 195p alongside a presentation on the industrial holding group by Hoare Govett, the broker, to the company in Edinburgh. Investors are looking askance at the group these days, worried that the boom years are over.

If Hanson fails in its takeover of SCM in the US, City feeling may well turn against Lord Hanson's conglomerate. Indeed, certain broking firms are already preparing their "sell" circulars.

Dasa Corporation, an American group making telephone equipment, hopes to arrive on the USM within three months. The company, now traded under rule 535 and on the Harvard Securities over-the-counter market at about 15p after winning a $25.5 million legal action, is effectively being relaunched. It has not made profits for five years.

Pearson Group shares fell 8p to 303p, though there are signs that attitudes toward the group are changing. Quilter, Goodison, the broker, had Pearson directors in to lunch on Monday and are reckoned to be having a rethink about the publishing to industrials outfit. The "short-term sell" view appears to be fading in favour of a "long-term buy" recommendation.

Cable & Wireless fell 15p to 570p. Much of the markdown could be laid at the door of general market trend, but news of the appointment of the merchant bank to sell the remaining Government stake – 100 million shares – also contributed. The share sale is expected within the next six months.

Whitbread, the brewing group, bucked the trend with a 2p gain to 228p. The company launched at Laurie, Milbank & Co., the broker. Althoug Mr John Walters, LM's drink analyst, is holding his profits projection at £130 million (against £110.1 million) the meeting was regarded as "very positive" with Mr Peter Jarvis, Whitbread's new managing director, making a good impression on the institutions at the lunch.

Access Satellite International, the scaffolding group, fell 10p to 160p as Mr Jeremy Peace resigned as a director. His 4.38 per cent of the capital was placed with institutional shareholders.

Electricals were unsettled by the **Thorn EMI** profit downgrading and stores suffered wide spread losses as interest rate hopes faded.

Bid hopes lifted **Bermid Qualcast** 2p to 85½p and **Kenning Motor Group** was also spurred by takeover speculation, up 5p at 166p. **Somportex** continued to advance on reverse takeover hopes and rose 6p to 102p. Bid expectations helped **Pineapple Dance Studios; Thomas Robinson, Porter Chadburn** and **Martin Ford. Jebsons Drilling** recovered 15p to 65p.

Stewart Wrightson, the insurance broker, saw its shares heavily traded, the price moving like a see-saw. Talk of a bid from Exco International put 20p on the Stewart price early in the day, but as the story was denied the shares then fell back. By the end of the day they showed just a 5p gain at 669p.

The Exco share price was unchanged at 202p.

On the same financial pitches, **Henderson Administration** rose another 30p to 860p. There is a very thin market in the shares and investors have shown their liking for them steadily over recent weeks. Henderson is one of the leading unit and investment trust groups in the City, and has plenty of blue-blooded followers.

Thorn EMI shares were knocked 17p lower to 357pby a profit forecast downgrading by Rowe & Pitman, the broker. The City firm cut its estimate from £108 million to about £90 million for the year to March and led the selling. Rowe is now pretty much in line with the rest of the market.

Away on the electrical pitches, **Amstrad Consumer Electronics** found favour. The share price rose 6p to 118p as investors decided prospects for its new 6258 word processor are good. Words of caution, however, emerged from certain City broking firms. The market men would like to see the product well-established in the shops before getting too excited.

● **Imperial Group** led the way on traded options business yesterday. Out of a total market volume of 8,547 contracts, Imps saw 1,175 contracts traded.

The stock exchange index option provided the next highest volume, with 1,071 contracts. Currency options were less popular than they were on Monday, and just 626 contracts in the dollar/sterling option were traded.

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COMPANY NEWS

● **NORTHERN ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES:** For the first half of this year, with figures in £000, turnover slipped to 423,301 (428,100). Profit, before tax was 21,513 (21,794). Earnings per share were 5.50p (4.95p) and the interim dividend is held at 1.65p, payable on Jan 2.

● **ALBANY INVESTMENT TRUST:** For the half-year to Aug 30, an interim of 1p (0.8p) is being paid. Pretax profit was £152,279 (£124,035) and earnings per share were 2.13p (1.73p).

● **GSH:** GSH Investments said in Sydney it will offer Aus $2.20 per ordinary share for 30 per cent of Hooker Corporation, a property group. GSH, wholly-owned by Mr George Herscu and his family, said it now holds 35.87 million Hooker shares, or 19.99 per cent of the issued captial, after acquiring most of them from the New Zealand-based Chase Corp.

● **FIRST CASTLE ELECTRONICS:** For the half-year to July 31, an interim dividend of 0.93 (0.93)) is being paid on Nov 14. With figures in £000, turnover was 11,462.4 (8,405.2), while pretax profit was 1,451.3 (1,100.3). Earnings per share were 5.7p (5.18p).

● **BLUEBIRD TOYS:** The company is reporting for the first half of this year. The prospectus indicated that the directors expect to recommend a net dividend of 3.15p per share for 1985. With figures in £000, turnover was 2,202 (1,353). Profit before tax was 88 (9), while earnings per share were 0.84p (0.08p).

● **PARK PLACE INVESTMENTS:** For the year to June 30 a final dividend of 4p, making 6.25p (4.75p), is being paid on Nov 29. With figures in £000, turnover was 20,609 (16,621). Pretax profit more than doubled to 2,582 (975), while earnings per share reached 14p (5.8p).

● **OEM:** The board of OEM confirms that it has received a tentative approach from F H Tomkins, which has also been in direct contact with Triumph-Adler in Germany. The board of OEM has consulted its advisers and will keep shareholders informed.

● **AUSTRALIAN MERCHANT HOLDINGS:** This Melbourne-based investment banking group trebled net profits from Aus$782,000 to Aus$2.35million (about £1.2million) in the year to June 30. Formerly OTL, the company earned the profits on turnover of Aus$950,000 (Aus$530,000) and investment income of Aus$3.76million (Aus$4.19million). The final is maintained at one cent, payable on Dec 1, making an unchanged total of two cents a share, on increased capital. The directors said the year was one of considerable expansion in the group's main areas of activity – financial services, leisure, diversified resources and technology-based venture capital.

● **MACALLAN-GLENLIVET:** For the first half of this year an interim of 1p (same) is being paid on Nov 5. With figures in £000, turnover was 2,212 (2,209), while pretax profit fell to 202 (336).

● **WINGATE PROPERTY INVESTMENTS:** For the six months to June 30 an interim of 0.55p (0.5p) is being paid on Oct 31. With figures in £000, gross rental income was 1,082 (1,122). Pretax profit was 409 (377). Earnings per share rose to 2.9p (1.94p). The £6.2million cash from the sale of Camperdown House, London in Feb has contributed to a reduced net interest charge.

● **PENNINE RESOURCES:** No dividend is being paid for the year to March 31. With figures in £000, turnover was 2,297 (110). The pretax loss was 424 (loss, 573). Tax credit, 15 (nil). Extraordinary debits were 1,138 (26). The loss for the year, 1,547 (599) and the loss per share, 11.9p (4.6p). The board expects to report that for the first time in its history the group has, in the current half-year to Sept 30, 1985, traded profitably.

● **BAILLIE GIFFORD JAPAN TRUST:** A dividend of 0.6p (0.4p), payable on November 21, is declared for the year to August 31. Gross investment income was £475,619 (£365,721) and revenue before tax £113,230 (£77,975). Tax was £40,711 (£25,718). Earnings per share 0.72p (0.52p).

● **TELERATE INC:** The company has agreed to buy nearly all of the assets of Compu Trac, its parent computer assisted analysis and a related company Delta Digital Design, for cash. The amount was not disclosed.

● **SECURITY EXCHANGE:** The company has announced that 2,347,550 new ordinary shares have been subscribed for in response to the offer for subscription dated August 29. The minimum subscription has been exceeded and the offer will remain open until further notice.

● **GALACTIC RESOURCES:** A letter of intent has been signed for a joint venture agreement with the Xinjiang non-ferrous metals corporation to develop polymetallic properties and one or more gold projects in the Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region of Western China.

● **MARTIN CURRIE PACIFIC TRUST:** Results for the period during May 9 to August 31. With figures unfranked investment was 141 and interest on borrowed money 11. Tax was 28 and Earnings per share were 0.34p.

● **READYMIX:** No interim dividend is announced for the six months to June 30. With figures in IR£000, turnover was 8,495 (7,872) and operating profit 58 (loss 212). Pretax loss was 123 (476) and loss per share 0.32p (1.87p).

RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
Aberdeen Steak Houses 5p Ord (67a)	80
Anglo United Dev (34)	39
Bradstock Group 5p Ord (170)	205
Britoil 10p Ord (185) £1 paid	125–2
C C A Galleries 10p Ord (80a)	67
Cannon Street Inv 20p Ord (a)	58
Conrad Hldgs 25p Ord (70)	24
Control Techniques 10p Ord (115)	131
Dean Park Htls 25p Ord (51a)	49
F K B Group 5p Ord (140a)	176
InfraRed $0.10 Com Stk (44a)	95–1
Israel (Jack L) 4p Ord (20a)	28–1
Kewill Systems 5p Ord (79a)	82
Lewmar 25p Ord (110a)	113+2
Lysander Petroleum 5p Ord (65a)	68
Moss Advertising 5p Ord (105a)	95
Nordic Inv Trust 10p Ord (50)	42
Questel 10p Ord (180a)	173
Sapphire Petroleum 50p Ord (150a)	86
Trilion 10p Ord (73a)	88
Yellowhammer 5p Ord (110a)	131–2
Rights issues	
Emess Lighting (210) Nil Pd	36 prem–8
Hanson Tst (185) Fly Pd	111–4

Issue price in parentheses. a Unlisted Securities. *by tender

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Co-operative Bank 11½%
C. Hoare & Co 11½%
Lloyds Bank 11½%
Midland Bank 11½%
Nat Westminster 11½%
TSB 11½%
Williams & Glyn's 11½%
Citibank NA 11½%

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Dividend	227	194	666
Earnings per share	2.80p	2.14p	5.70p

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1	Bridon	
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4	Avon Rubber	
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6	Christies Int	
7	Dalgety	
8	Birmingham Mint	
9	Benlox	
10	Beecham	
	FOODS	
11	Cadbury-Schwepp	
12	Assoc Dairies	
13	Dee	
14	Fitch Lovell	
15	AB Food	
16	Hillards	
17	Lees (John J)	
18	Matthews (Bernard)	
19	Nthn Foods	
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	ELECTRICALS	
21	Electrocomponents	
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24	Oxford Instruments	
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FOOTBALL: FOCUS ON MILK CUP AND WORLD CUP QUALIFYING MATCHES

Barnes goal just enough to break Palace's resistance

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Crystal Palace	**0**
Manchester United	**1**

Manchester United, depleted by injuries, were restricted to a narrow victory in this Milk Cup, second round first-leg tie at Selhurst Park last night.

The forecast had been predictable and unanimous. Palace would require the assistance of their new fellow home-owners, Charlton Athletic, to hold the side that no first division club has so far looked like containing. Steve Coppell, a manager who knew enough about the opposition since he played alongside most of them, admitted it was "daft to talk aout beating them".

Snce Wood, his goalkeeper, was performing with a sore shoulder, and Droy, his mobile mountain of a centre half, with a broken nose, Coppell had reason to fear further damage being inflicted on his defence. But the message the Palace players took with them onto the pitch was of a different nature.

It was full of unexpected optimism and before the interval Wood had scarcely any need to extend the pulled muscle in his arm. Whiteside, early on, and Robson with a deliberate side foot, did trouble him, but Bailey was forced to make one spectacular save and several others of note.

Ketteridge, twice, and Finnigan both drove powerfully from long range, but Irvine, with a dipping volley, added accurately to boot. Bailey tipped his effort over but was beaten by Droy's header from a corner on the half hour. Moran, brought in to replace the injured Hogg, cleared off the line.

Hogg was not United's only absentee; Strachan, with a broken collar bone, and Hughes, another with an injured shoulder, were out as well. As a result United's usual fluent brilliance and swaggering gait was missing, too. Palace will claim, and deserve, substantial credit for that.

They almost gaind a more tangible reward at the dawn of the second half. Barber, the ivory figure in their black and white striking partnership, completed an intricate run inside the area with another full-blooded drive. Bailey, leaping far to his right, denied both him and Droy.

But just before the hour United broke away from Palace's imprisonment to take the lead. Whiteside initially cleared a corner, Brazil and Robson continued the counter-attack and Barnes was released on the left. With a crowd gathering for the long cross at the far post, Barnes aimed instead inside the near post. Wood was not alone in being caught unawares.

CRYSTAL PALACE: G Wood; G Locke, B Sparrow, A Finnigan, M Droy, J Cannon, A Irvine, S Ketteridge, P Barber, A Gray, G Stebbing.

MANCHESTER UNITED: G Bailey; M Duxbury, A Albiston, N Whiteside, P McGrath, K Moran, B Robson, C Blackmore, F Stapleton, A Brazil, P Barnes.

Referee: G Napthine (Leicestershire).

Stainrod will make debut for Villa

Aston Villa's new forward, Simon Stainrod, makes his debut in the Milk Cup at fourth division Exeter tonight. Stainrod, who was signed for £250,000 from Sheffield Wednesday on Monday goes straight into the side as Andy Gray is unfit because of a thigh strain.

Also ruled out is the Villa midfield player, Colin Gibson who has an ankle injury and he could alsomiss the Canon League match with Everton on Saturday. Darren Bradley comes in and the Villa manager Graham Turner, is also thinking of resting 17-year-old winger, Daley, with Walker likely to replace him.

In tonight's other first leg, second round ties, the Brentford captain, Hurlock, will again push himself through the pain barrier as the injury-hit third division side face Sheffield Wednesday. "It will probably be a very physical game, and Terry is in a fair bit of pain from a cyst on the knee, but he has to play because we are so low on players," says the Brentford manager, Frank McLintock.

Wednesday's Howard Wilkinson, by contrast, is able to name £350,000 signingMark Chamberlain in his squad, with no guarantee that the England winger willmake hisfirst start for the first division side.

Brentford are down to 11 fit players. In addition to Hurlock, their centre half, Wignall and forward, Cooke, will also play despite injuries. Wednesday, easily beaten by Tottenham last Saturday, may recall Blair and Sterland.

Chelsea welcome back their captain, Pates, and their Scottish international forward, Speedie, after suspension and include them in a 15-n squad for the game at Mansfield. Isaac and McAllister look likely to make way while manager John Hollins must again choose between £300,000 signing, Hazard, and Spackman.

Lindsay Smith is ready to return for Millwall after injury for the tie with Southampton. His manager, George Graham, is contemplating changes after three successive defeats and considers Smith to be closer to full fitness than another long-term injury victim, Walker, who is also included in the squad.

Walker, a summer signing from Lincoln City, cracked three ribs and damaged a lung in a pre-season game against Coventry City and has yet to make his debut. Smith has been sidelined since the season's first day with a calf strain.

The Everton manager, Howard Kendall, has three players under treatment so defers selection of the side to face Bournemouth. Marshall has a hamstring strain while Sheedy and Steven are both doubtful. Richardson and Bailey are added to the squad.

Arsenal add their youngsters, Rocastle and Hayes, to the 12 on duty at Chelsea on Saturday for their tie at Hereford. Mariner, substitute for the last three games, is again likely to fill that position against opponents who Arsenal struggled to hold in the FA Cup at Edgar Street last season.

Hill, the midfield player, has recovered from mild concussion sustained in Saturday's win over Stockport, so Northampton Town keep an unchanged 12 for their tie at Oxford United.

French struggle to arrest decline

Paris (Reuter) – France, whose dreams came true last year, are finding this year a comparitive struggle for the national team and the leading clubs.

1984 afforded nothing but enchantment for a French team blessed with the sweetest skills. Michel Platini and his men, whose flair had always delighted romantics, were rewarded with the European Championship to crown the reign of Michel Hidalgo. By the end of the year, the new manager, Henri Michel, could boast three wins in three World Cup qualification outings – and a trip to Mexico in 1986 beckoned.

France – a special target since they reached Europe's summit – have not won one World Cup match this year, losing twice, drawing once and exhibiting an old tendency not to travel well. Although all is far from lost, the country's fortunes have suffered a jolt at both national and club level in the past fortnight.

Leipzig was the setting for a World Cup defeat by East Germany while Bordeaux and Nantes suffered humiliating defeats by opposition from Turkey and Iceland.

Bordeaux, European semi-finalists last season, face imminent extinction in this season's tournament. Fenerbahce, of Turkey upstaged Giresse, Tigana and the rest, reversing the roles normally alloted them.

The Girondins of Bordeaux were without an international quintet because of suspension and injury, and the goalkeeper, Dropsy, suffered an evening of painful fallibility. But the lively Turks earned their 3-2 win and a reinforced Bordeaux will need to rediscover the resilience and spirit they showed on their last European outing if their hopes are not to drown in the Bosphorus on October 2.

On an April night in the Stade Municipale, they beat Platini's Juventus 2-0 after a 3-0 defeat in Turin, and nearly knocked the champions apparent out of the cup.

The night before Bordeaux succumbed to the Turks, in the UEFA Cup, Nantes – last season's league runners-up to the Girondins – achieved the unwanted distinction of becoming the first professional club to be beaten by a team from Iceland in European competition.

Nantes were frozen out 2–1 by Valur Reykjavik, a team whose only European sortie beyond the first round came courtesy of innocuous Jeunesse d'Esch, of Luxembourg, in 1967. "We went to Iceland to qualify. Instead, we have to reckon with the possibility of elimination. It's utterly unbelievable", the angry manager, Jean-Claude Suaudeau, said to *L'Equipe* newspaper.

Suaudeau said Nantes had faced the game with apprehension – not an attitude often engendered in the opposition by sides from Iceland and, as the manager said, "a curious psychological phenomenon". The Bordeaux team manager, Aime Jacquet, also accused his team of being hesitant and timid, against Fenerbahce.

To complete a sorry series, Metz were overwhelmed 5–1 in the UEFA Cup by Yugoslavia's Hajduk Split – a setback which can be remedied only by the near miracle which touched them a year ago. Overwhelmed 4–2 by mighty Barcelona in their Cup Winners' Cup opening game last season, Metz had the nerve to defeat the Spaniards 4–1 in their own Nou Camp Stadium

Auxerre did well to beat AC Milan 3–1 in the UEFA Cup, while Monaco beat Universitatea Craiova, of Romania, 2–0 in the Cup Winners' Cup.

The national team need to win their last two games to reach Mexico, and the faithful would still bet on their capacity to see off Luxembourg and, in the vital test, defeat Yugoslavia in Paris

Rummenigge, hoping to celebrate birthday with a World Cup victory

Orient give hope to small clubs

Orient offered hope to all the lower division teams by beating Tottenham Hotspur 2-0 in their first leg, second round Milk Cup tie on Monday night. The gate of Brisbare Road was 14,000, Orient's biggest for five year.

The orient manager Frank Clark, whose team was assembled from free-transfer signings and local players is, however, under no illusions about the task his players will face in the second leg on October 9. "We are still the underdogs. There is still an awful lot to do. They have got to score three goals, but remember they have already scored five against Sheffield Wednesday and Newcastle. It will be twice as difficult there," he said.

Both Orient goals were scored by Kevin Godfrey, the club's toughest-serving player, during the second half. The came with a shot that went in off a post after 63 minutes. Thirteen minutes later Godfrey volleyed in Foster's cross and Orient had become the first fourth division side to beat Tottenham.

It was a victory that Orient supporters will cherish. During the last four seasons, their club has been relegated twice.

Clark said the result, was his best as a manager. "Our main target this season is to get out of the fourth division – we are not going to win the Milk Cup. Tottenham are being thrust at us all the time and rightly so. This result will give the supporters, the players and directors of this club a tremendous lift, and that goes for me as well," he said.

Three-goal Evans to the fore

Schools football
by George Chesterton

Repton	**4**
Westminster	**0**

Repton scored twice in each half in beating Westminister at Vincent's Square yesterday. The game was played at a brisk pace throughout. Westminster threatened from the outset and Repton's first goal came against the run of play. Evans kept his head with the goalkeeper beaten to angle the ball into a vacant goal.

Repton settled down and became sharper and showed more purpose, with Moules being steady in defence and constructive in attack. The second goal, scored by Trigg, came from a penalty following a hand-ball offence.

Shortly into the second half Westminster also had a penalty chance. Gresley quietly stood his ground and comfortably gathered a straight shot by Belcher.

Westminster were by no means done. Cogan on the left wing put over a series of crosses and threatened whenever he had the ball. Anderman was reliable in the centre, and in the later stages Belcher gained in confidence.

After 25 minutes of the second half a movement set up by Trigg gave Evans, of Repton, a scoring chance from 20 yards and he shot hard under the bar. In the last quarter of an hour Repton continued to press and Evans rounded off the scoring from a further penalty, to give himself three goals and his team a convincing win in this long-standing fixture.

WESTMINSTER: Kersben; Harding, Levy, Aspa, Fulford, Jaque, Anderman, Hudson, Belcher, Griffiths, Cogan.
REPTON: Gresley; Hall, Cook, Moules, Griffiths, Docherty, Trigg, Wick, Meehan, Evans, Anderson.
REFEREE: A J Thomas (London).

● Oxford United are offering substantial discounts to their 7,000 season ticket holders for the Milk Cup tie with Northampton Town. It will cost £3 to stand on the terraces and £5 for a stand seat; normal prices are £4 and £7.50.

Monday's results

MILK CUP: Second round, first leg: Orient 2, Tottenham Hotspur 0.
SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION: Morton 2, Forfar 3.
GOLA LEAGUE: Nuneaton 1, Runcorn 0. Bob Lord Trophy: First round, second leg: Dagenham 0, Barnet 0 (agg: 2–3); Northwich 0, Frickley 4 (agg: 1–4).
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bognor 0, Worthing 3; Dulwich 2, Tooting and Mitcham 2.
MULTIPART LEAGUE: Horwich 1, Hyde 4.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dellow Cup: First round: Bilston 4, Hednesford 2; Chelmsford 2, Wellingborough 2; Corby 3, King's Lynn 2; Leicester 1, Shepshed 1.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Bradford 3, Grimsby 1.

RUGBY UNION
CLUB MATCH: Halifax 9, Wakefield 15.

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Beckenbauer's aim on graduation day

Agencies – The West German team manager Franz Beckenbauer returns to Stockholm tonight intent on seeing his side safely into next year's World Cup finals. Almost 20 years ago Beckenbauer made his first international appearance and helped West Germany to beat Sweden 2-1 and make sure of a place in the 1966 finals in England.

Another victory over the Swedes in tonight's group two match will secure West Germany a place in Mexico and mark Beckenbauer's graduation as a manager.

Beckenbauer has built West Germany's World Cup challenge on experience. The forward, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge will be 30 today and Klaus Augenthaler – a key defender, 28, the following day.

Both are expected to play as the West Germans, who lead the group with the maximum of 10 points from five games, defend their proud record of never having lost a World Cup qualifying match.

Against the unpredictable Swedes, Beckenbauer may need as many "old heads" as possible.

Second-placed Sweden are level on six points with Portugal but Sweden's superior goal difference has left them favourites to take the group's second qualifying position. The Swedes have no problems and their manager, Lars Arnesson has already announced his side.

Beckenbauer, however, has a number of worries and will not want to take risks. He is expected to wait as late as possible before announcing his strongest side.

Augenthaler, of Bayern Munich is still suffering from knee and thigh injuries and faces a late fitness test. If he plays, Herget is likely to be given a roving role in midfield with Littbarski or Magath consigned to the substitutes' bench.

Portugal, also with injury problems are relying on Europe's most prolific scorer Fernando Gomes and hoping for a runaway victory by West Germany to ennance their own chances of reaching the World Cup finals.

With forwards Jordao and Litos and the midfield campaigner Pacheco absent, their manager Jose Torres is expected to field a defensive team for their European group two qualifying tie with Czechoslovakia.

Czechoslavakia are almost out of contention in the five-team group, occupying fourth place with three points from their five games. They will be without the veteran defender and captain Fiala

Bulgaria will join the World Cup finals line-up unless Luxembourg achieve the biggest upset of the year. Victory will leave Bulgaria unassailably clear at the top of group four, leaving Yugoslavia, European champions, France and East Germany to battle it out for the second ticket to Mexico.

The Soviet Union coach Eduard Malofeyev, who has been criticized for his side's poor form, knows that anything less than victory over Denmark could signal the end of his side's plans for a trip to Mexico and his career.

In England's group, Finland are at home to Turkey at Tampere, but neither side have a chance of qualifying.

David Miller meets a manager working his way up from the top

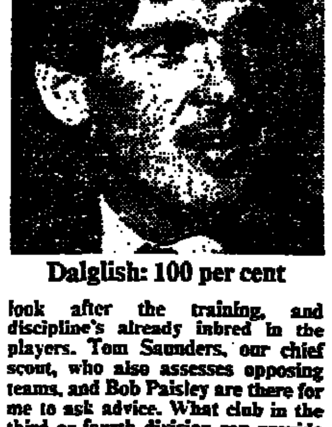
Dalglish turns his attention to a different type of goal

A footbal manager should learn his way, they say in the trade, by starting in the third or fourth division, where errors are less conspicuous. The years are studded with the examples of famous players – from Billy Wright to Dave Mackay and Geoff Hurst – who were unable to stay the course at the upper level. The premise which Kenny Dalglish is hoping to disprove is long established.

To be a player-manager is difficult enough, even if you are, in the opinion of Ray Wilson, the former England left back, "the best player in Britain over the past 10 years". To be a player-manager in the fist division is even rarer; the job at Liverpool would seem to be the ultimate high wire. Not, however, when you talk a while to Dalglish.

Ever since he came south from Celtic to succeed Keegan in 1977, Dalglish has played like a dream a genius who combines the tactical wit of a Blanchflower with the touch of a Greaves. Yet many, including journalists, tended to regard him, and not merely because of an accent as thick as haggis, as uncommunicative. We tended to talk to Souness or Neal or Bob Paisley. When, on the day of the ill-fated European Cup final in Brussels, it was rumoured that the man with 97 Scottish caps was to succeed Jow Fagan, someone who was regarded in football as having the wisdom of Solomon, it seemed simultaneously logical and incomprehensible. If we are to judge at all by Saturday's exceptional match at Goodison, the Liverpool have, once again, got it right.

"Difficulties?" Dalglish, sitting at his desk in his playing kit after training, eating a pie 'n chips lunch, expresses genuine surprise at the word. "We've got a tremendous staff here", he says, "and I'm fortunate that they're prepared to sacrifice their time if I've got to get ready for a match". So far, because of an injured knee, he has played three and a bit games this season.



Dalglish: 100 per cent

"The administration and finance of the club is so well organized that I have no worries there, only to produce a team that's decent on the pitch. Ronnie Moran and Roy Evans look after the training, and discipline's already inbred in the players. Tom Saunders, our chief scout, who also assesses opposing teams, and Bob Paisley are there for me to ask advice. What club in the third or fourth division can provide you with a background like that?

"It's a compliment to Bob that almost every decision I have to make I'll discuss with him. It's only right that I should listen. Ronnie and Roy can see some things on the pitch which maybe I can't, but I'll see things they don't".

Dalglish has the difinitive Anfield philosophy which has borne them, until the pall of disaster descended, through 23 unbroken years of European competition: the club comes first. "I'll be judged by what happens on the pitch," Dalglish says," and that always depends on what you do off it. If I make more good decisions than bad, I'll be successful. If I fail, I'll be gone."

Outwardly, at least, he has that air of serenity which we associate with Paisley, and formerly with Busby or Rowe, though all had their inner tensions. It is a simple game. The exposure of the manager's chair does not intimidate Dalglish after all the years of intensity on the field.

"Exposure? I've had that all my life. I can only do what I've always done, give 100 per cent. I'll have days that are nightmares, like anyone else, but the public know me as a player, and they know I'll try my best."

When he was offered the chance to manage the club a short while before the Brussels match, he never hesitated, he says. "A bit embarrassed, may be, but never hesitated." Anybody working at Anfield, he says, has a sense of responsibility to themselves and to the club, so he has no fear of the pressures.

His answer to English football's crisis of character is straightforward. "We as footballers cannot educate the public, we can only conduct ourselves properly, so as not to provoke – to encourage rivalry but not hatred." It is some years since Liverpool could be counted among the provocative.

So far this season, Liverpool's average attendance has dropped by 10 per cent, from last year's 34,000, having increased by three per cent from the year before. The club is trading at a profit, according to Peter Robinson, the managing director, and there is no truty in the speculation that Ian Rush might have to be sold during his current three-year contract. Indeed, the club hopes to extend it, and are keen to have live television restored, in the interests of sponsors and advertisers; but not for more than 10 matches a season.

Dalglish's refreshing attitude to tactics is that he is concerned with the mood of his own players, not his opponents'. The frequency with which he will employ a sweeper – as on Saturday, with Lawrenson behind Hansen and Molby – will depend "on which side of the bed I get out of." It is not intended to be defensive, he says, merely sensible. "We'll attack in numbers, as always, whenever possible. Players have got to be able to play either way."

Time will tell, he reasons, whether being out of European competition is an advantage. "We're used to two matches a week, but the opportunity to recover from injury would be useful. It won't affect our ambitions. At Liverpool we're always hungry. Every match we play is important." Little, if anything, has changed at Anfield.

A victory is Spain's passport to Mexico

Seville (Reuter) – Spain meet Iceland in the final World Cup Group Seven tie here tonight, with the result as significant for Scotland and Wales as the host country.

Victory will take Spain to the Mexico finals, but anything less will put them out of the competition, and the Scots will earn a ticket to Mexico, with Wales having to play-off against the winners of the Oceania group.

The Icelanders, though a fast improving nation, are seldom a serious threat on foreign soil and have little experience of playing in the highly charged atmosphere they will encounter in the Benito Villamarin stadium.

They have a number of top quality individuals, like the Stuttgart forward, Sigurvinsson, the teenage midfield player, Jonsson, who plays for Sheffield Wednesday, and Anderlecht's Gudjonnsen.

The Spaniaros should win with something to spare, however, especially if they can reproduce the form of 1984, when they were runners-up to France in the European Championship. Butragueno and Rincon should have too much skill and pace for the Icelandic defence, while Gallego, Victor and Goroillo should dominate midfield.

The frenzied crowd will also play their part, as they did on an astonishing night in December 1983, when Spain overwhelmed Malta 12-1 to qualify for the European finals.

Iceland's English coach, Tony Knapp, is aware what his team can expect, and said: "Most of my players are not used to playing before such a crowd or facing a team which will play to the death."

Group Seven

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	6	3	1	2	8	4	7
Wales	6	3	1	2	7	6	7
Spain	5	3	0	2	7	7	6
Iceland	5	1	0	4	3	8	2

Bearzot to rely on experience

Lecce, Italy (Reuter) – Enzo Bearzot hopes to mark his 10th anniversary as the manager of Italy with a victory over Norway here today.

Bearzot, who will celebrate his 58th birthday tomorrow and the anniversary on Friday, will rely on established players. His 18-man squad includes the Internazionale midfielder, Marco Tardelli, and the Juventus defender, Gaetano Scirea, who between them have made more than 150 national team appearances, as well as the forward Sandro Altobelli, who scored his 100th league goal for Internazionale on Sunday.

But Bearzot will have to manage without the World Cup hero, Pailo Rossi, of Milan, who is recovering from an ankle injury, and another injured veteran, Fulvio Collovati, of Internazionale.

The Norwegians, who have lost to Italy in five previous encounters, see the match as an important warm-up for their European group six World Cup qualifier against Denmark in Oslo next month.

● Scunthorpe United, who have lost their last five games, have given their captain, John Green, who has been on a weekly contract, 48 hours to decide if he wants to stay with the club.

Last night's results

MILK CUP: Second round, first leg: Crewe 1, Watford 3; Fulham 1, Notts County 1; Gillingham 1, Portsmouth 3; Grimsby 1, York 1; Liverpool 3, Oldham 0; QP Rangers 3, Hull 0; Sheffield United 1, Luton 2; Shrewsbury 2, Huddersfield 3; Sunderland 3, Swindon 2; West Bromwich 1, Port Vale 0; West Ham 3, Swansea 0; Wrexham 0, Stoke 1.
SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION: Alloa 1, East Fife 1
SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION: Cowdenbeath 4, Berwick 2; Raith 3, Queen's Park 1; St Johnstone 1, Dunfermline 2; Stenhousemuir 1, Meadowbank 5.

RUGBY UNION
CLUB MATCHES: Headingly 4, Durham 18; Northampton 32, Rugby 12.

YACHTING

Round-the-World sailors focus on record voyage

By Barry Pickthall

The burning question for 15 crews gathered in Gosport for the start of the fourth Whitbread Round-the-World race at the weekend is not whether the record for the 27,000-mile circumnavigation will be broken by the time the leaders return to Portsmouth next May, but by how much.

When Dame Naomi James, the wife of the late Rob James and a solo circumnavagator herself, sets a lighted taper to the ageing canon on Southsea Castle to signal the start at noon on Saturday, no fewer than seven crews abourd purpose-built maxis ranging in size from 77 to 82ft will set out past the Needles with one ambition – to be first in beating the 120-day six hour record set by the Dutch yacht, Flyer, in the previous race, three years ago.

Peter Kuttel, the owner and skipper of the newly named, Farr-designed, United States registered maxi, Portatan (the former Atlantic privateer), sets 112 days as his goal which with luck and weather permitting certainly looks possible.

Four years ago, Flyer, skippered by the Dutchman, Cornelis Van Rietschoten, who won the previous Whitbread race in 1977-78 aboard a 65ft ketch of the same name, took seven days to break out of the Doldrums, a notorious area of calm just south of the Equator, during the first 7,000-mile stage to Capetown, yet still managed to break the leg record he had set during the earlier race when his yacht was left becalmed in thar area for no more than a day.

On the second leg to Auckland, through the stormy ice-strewn seas of the Southern ocean, the Dutch maxi lost a further two days when the unusual headwinds transformd the final stage up the Tasmain into a 1,000-mile beat against an unyielding short, sharp sea. Thereafter, though, the Dutch yacht whose crew were pushed to the limit by the relentless performance set by the smaller New Zealand entry, Ceramco, skippered by Peter Blake, who has returned again for this race with the 78ft maxi, Lion New Zealand, set an extremely fast pace all the way from Auckland round Cape Horn to Mar del Plata and back to Portsmouth.

Politics have ruled out an Argentine submarine base as the third stopover this time, and instead the Royal Naval Sailing Association, the organizers, have chosen Punta del Este on the opposing side of the River Plat. Another change has been to delay the start for a month to avoid the traditional Christmas closedown in Auckland which brings with it a probable change in weather, particularly in the Southern ocean.

British interest centres on two maxis, singer Simon Le Bon's 77ft Ron Holland-designed Drum, hastily rebuilt since its unfortunate capsize during the Fastnet race, and the ageing GB II, a veteran of four previous circumnavigations, which is skippered by Guy Salmon. Each of his crew have chipped in £8,000 towards the costs but are hopeful of clinching a last-minute sponsorship deal tomorrow to provide them with some reserves during this classic marathon which will cost some sponsors well over £1 million by the time the race ends next May.

ENTRIES:
MAXI DIVISION: Drum 77ft Holland design owned by Simon Le Bon, skippered by Skip Novak (UK); Portatown 80ft Farr design (Peter Kuttel, US); UBS Switzerland 80ft Farr design (Pierre Fehlmann, (Switzerland); Enterprise New Zealand 80ft Farr design (Digby Taylor, NZ); Lion New Zealand 78ft Holland (Peter Blake, NZ); Cote d'Or 82ft Jcubert & Nivelt design (Eric Taberlay Belg); GB II 77ft Gurney design (Bob Salmon UK)
HANDICAP DIVISION: Philips Innovator (Dirk Nauta, Netherlands); Equity & Law (Pleun van der Lugt (Netherlands), SAS Baia (Jesper Norsk, Den), Fortuna Lights (Jorge Brusau & Tony Guiu, Sp), Faser Finland (Michael Berner, Fin); Shadow of Switzerland (Nora & Otto Zehender, Switz); L'Esprit d'Equipe (Lionel Pean, Fr). Rucanor Tristar (Gustaf Versluys, Belg).

CYCLING

Cultivating alliances a key to victory

By John Wilcockson

The first Nissan International Classic, which starts from Trinity College, Dublin, this morning, is regarded as a straightforward battle between Ireland's biggest stars, Sean Kelly and Stephen Roche.

Roche is billed as the sophisticated Dubliner who has gained a Continental caché by marrying a beautiful Parisienne and making his home in the executive comuter belt west of the French capital. His recent signing of a contract for 1986 with the Italian team, Carrera-Inoxpren, at a reputed annual salary of £200,000, and his third place in this year's Tour de France, have done nothing to belie the image.

Kelly is the down-to-earth country boy whose roots remain at his parents' farm in the Waterford countryside south of Carrick-on-Suir. He is the super star who married his teenage sweetheart and lives in Brussels in the summer only because of his hectic European racing programme. He placed fourth in the 1985 Tour de France and was overshadowed by a dashing performance by Roche in the world championship earlier this month, but a second place to Robert Millar in the Tour of Catalona last week indicates that Kelly is back to top form.

The Nissan race is not a one-day classic, in which Kelly specializes, nor is it a long race like the Tour de France. It is a five-day, 500-mile race which could be decided by a 13-mile time trial starting from Kelly's home town on Friday morning, or by the two potentially destructive circuit finishes in Carrick tomorrow and at Cork on Friday afternoon. But these strategic stages could pale by comparison to the team coalitions that develop among the largely professional field of 76 starters.

Kelly, Roche and the other protagonists, like the Dutchmen, Adri Van der Poel, the winner of the Paris to Brussels classic last week, and Teun Van Vliet, the Belgians, Ludo Peeters and Eric Van Lancker, the winner of the 1985 Milk Race, and the British challengers, Tony Doyle, Malcolm Elliott and Joey McLoughlin, will need to rely on more than the three team colleagues each rider has in this hybrid Irish tour. If the temporary alliances develop during the opening two stages, perhaps aligning the British against the Continental professionals, or the Roche v the Kelly factions, then the race will prove tough to win.

STAGES: Today: Dublin to Wexfrd, 95 miles. Tomorrow: Wexford to Carrick-on-Suir, 107 miles. Friday: Carrick to Clonmel, 13-mile time trial, and Clonmel to Cork, 65 miles. Saturday: Cork to Limerick, 65 miles, and Limerick to Galway, 65 miles. Sunday: Tullamore to Dublin, 80 miles.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Drummond returns

By Keith Macklin

Des Drummond hopes to prove his fitness for a place in the Great Britain team to play New Zealand next month when he makes a surprise return after injury for Leigh against Widnes in a Lancashire Cup match tonight. Drummond missed most of last season with a leg fracture and had not played this season

Steve O'Neill, the Widnes front-row forward who sustained a multiple leg fracture against Wigan on Sunday, will require a second operation and is expected to be out of the game for the rest of the season.

Swinton, announced at a public meeting last night their plans for redeveloping the Station Road ground, a former venue for international representative matches. The rebuilding of the ground will mean a cut in capacity to 25,000.

IN BRIEF

New Games TV bids

New York (AFP) Two American television companies have complied with the International Olympic Committee's 10-day deadline for renewed bids for American television rights for coverage of the 1988 Games in Seoul.

NBC and CBS have made new offers but neither will say whether they have raised their initial bids, thought to have been $315 million and $295 million respectively, which were unacceptable in Lausanne. The IOC's target was around $450 million. ABC are understood to have made a $340 million bid but have not confirmed their continued interest.

ROWING: Strathclyde regional council are to spend an estimated £680,000 to bring the course at Strathclyde Park up to international standard for next year's Commonwealth Games.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Kick-offs 7.30 unless stated

Milk Cup
Second round, first leg
Brentford v Sheffield Wednesday (7.45)
Brighton v Bradford (7.45)
Bury v Manchester City (at Old Trafford)
Chester v Coventry
Derby v Leicester (7.45)
Everton v Bournemouth
Exeter v Aston Villa
Hereford v Arsenal
Leeds v Walsall
Mansfield v Chelsea
Millwall v Southampton
Newcastle v Barnsley
Nottingham Forest v Bolton
Oxford U v Northampton

Skol Cup
Semi-final, first leg
Dundee United v Aberdeen
Hibernian v Rangers

Scottish first division
Montrose v Ayr

Scottish second division
Stranraer v Stirling

WORLD CUP: Group Two: Sweden v West Germany (6.0); Czechoslovakia v Portugal (4.0); Group Three: Finland v Turkey (5.0). Group Four: Luxembourg v Bulgaria (6.30). Group Six: Soviet Union v Denmark (4.0). Group Seven: Spain v Iceland.

BOB LORD TROPHY: First round, first leg: Boston v Telford. Second leg: Cheltenham v Kettering; Weymouth v Wycombe.
GOLA LEAGUE: Maidstone v Wealdstone.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Yeovil v Wokingham. Second division south: Feltham v Egham; Petersfield U v Molesey.
AC DELCO CUP: Preliminary round replay: Ruislip Manor v Hertford Town.
MULTIPART LEAGUE: Mossley v Burton; Rhyl v Marine; Workington v Chorley.
BILL DELLOW CUP: First round: Alvechurch v Moor Green; Basingstoke v Salisbury; Cambridge City v Rushden; Dunstable v Aylesbury; Fareham v Trowbridge.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Hull City v Sheffield Wednesday (7.0). Second division: Oldham v Stoke (7.0); Port Vale v Preston (7.0); Scunthorpe v Sunderland; York v Notts County (7.0).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Ipswich v Norwich (2.0).
LOMBARD-ULSTER CUP: Final: Coleraine v Portadown (at Windsor Park, Belfast, 8.0).
FA VASE: Preliminary round replays: Edgware v Ampthill Town (7.45); Pagham v Chobham (at Bognor Regis Town FC, 7.45); Tring Town v Royston Town.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: AC Delco Cup: Preliminary round replay: Ruislip Manor v Hertford Town. Premier division: Yeovil Town v Wokingham Town.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Horsham v Vauxhall-Opel League XI.

RUGBY UNION
CLUB MATCHES (7.0): Ebbw Vale v Neath; Glamorgan W v Pontypridd; Gloucester v Newbridge; Llanelli v Bridgend; London Welsh v Met Police (5.45); Maesteg v South Wales Police; Newport v Bath; Waterloo v Preston Grasshoppers (5.30).
CORNWALL MERIT TABLE: Penryn v Hayle.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: NatWest Bank v United Banks RFU (NatWest Bank Ground, Lower Sydenham, 6.0); Royal Navy v Hampshire RFU (US Portsmouth RFC, Burnaby Road, Portsmouth, 4.30).

BASKETBALL
PRUDENTIAL NATIONAL CUP: First round (8.0): Brixton v Hemel/Watford Royals; Derby v Walkers Crisps Leicester; Ellesmere Port v Home Spare Bolton; Nottingham v Manchester Giants; Peterborough v Team Polycell Kingston; Swindon v Happy Eater Bracknell.

RUGBY LEAGUE
BURTONWOOD: BREWERY LANCASHIRE CUP: Leigh v Widnes; St Helens v Whitehaven; Warrington v Workington; Wigan v Salford.
JOHN SMITH'S YORKSHIRE CUP: Second round: Dewsbury v Leeds; Featherstone v Bradford Northern, Halifax v Castleford; Hull KR v Bramley.

OTHER SPORT
SPEEDWAY: National League: Wimbledon v Arena Essex (7.45). LEAGUE CUP SEMI-FINAL: Cradley Heath v Coventry (7.45). Benefit meeting: Long Ashton (4.30).
GOLF: Ladies Open Foursomes (Sunningdale); Inter-service championship (Blairgowrie GC, NR Dundee).
ANGLING: Inter-Service Championships (Rutland Water).
DARTS: Unipart British Professional Tournament (Redcar).
TENNIS: Refuge Assurance National Championships Finals (Telford).
ICE SKATING: St Ivel International (Richmond).
TABLE TENNIS: England v Austria (Halifax).

RUGBY UNION

Leicestershire forced to find new selectors after dispute

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Leicestershire's entire selection committee including Mike Astill, the chairman, and the coach, Steve Johnton, the former Leicester and England B flanker have resigned after a disagreement ofer the implication of a general selection policy, embracing not only the county championship side but the Leicestershire Barbarians, under-23 and under-21 teams. A new coach and chairman of selectors has been appointed.

The county's declared policy aims, partly an acknowledgement of the load which has passed to them following the decline of Rugby in schools, are: to improve playing skills throughout the county; to make available representative honours especially to players from junior clubs (it has been suggested that too great a dependence was placed on players from the Leicester club); to improve communications between all levels of the game; and not to overplay senior players (both the county championship side and the under-23 side had been selecting the same players from the county's only senior club, Leicester).

There was some disagreement over under-23 rugby, at which level Leicestershire won the Midland championship last season. Withdrawal from this season's championship was suggested but this was felt to be unreasonable when fixtures had already been agreed.

Jerry Day, the president of Leicestershire and formerly the Leicester secretary, has taken over responsibility as chairman of selectors and Rod Oakes, an RFU senior coach, who also helps at Leicester, will coach the side. Steve Kenney, the Leicester scrum half, has agreed to captain the side to play Staffordshire at Burton on October 9, which will be chosen next week.

Ironically one of those who resigned, Ray Tate, remains president-elect for the county's centenary next season, for which a book is in preparation. This month's events should give a certain nuance to the final chapter.

Mr Astill, a selector for 14 years and chairman for the last nine, expressed the hope that the upheaval would not affect the players. He said: "We are saddened and disappointed that the position has arisen which induced our decision to resign. Our work over many years has been aimed at the game and the players in the county at whatever level.

"We consider that the promotion of the county side (to the second division of last season's Ford EMI championship under the old formula), the winning of the under-23 Midlands championship, the Barbarians' performances, in particular beating the Mid District of Wales who were unbeaten for four years and the under-21 successes, all of which involved players from very many of the county's clubs, are a tribute to the communication between the selection committee and the clubs in the county."

David Hands examines training problem

Guiding the steps of aspiring referees

The recent furore concerning the actions of referees at the top end of the game and the pressures under which they work prompts the question of what guidance exists for referees making their way in the game. "Structure" is something of a vogue word as far as the playing and coaching of the game are concerned, and it is all too easy to forget that, without the thirty-first person on the field, there would be no game at all.

The better referees become, and the higher in the game they ascent, the more assistance they receive in terms of assessing, conferences and courses. But what of the bottom?

The aspiring referee will join a society just as the aspiring player will join a club, but the efforts of societies are necessarily piecemeal, limited by the manpower available. Some cannot hope to cater for every match in their area, for the fourth, fifth and sixth teams of all the junior clubs as well as schools and colts games. Inevitably, many of these are handled by well-meaning committee men or former players.

Some societies do exist to look after this level of the game. One is the South-east London Society of Rugby Union Referees, initially known as the Bromley and District Referees until it was realized that the resulting acronym was not entirely complimentary. Their aim is to provide training for referees in the lower reaches, who, given ordinary progress, may then go on to become members of, in this case, either the London or the Kent Society of Referees.

"Our function is to get people used to refereeing in different locations, away from their own clubs, where, frankly, they can be a bloody menace, and preparing them for senior societies," Arnold O'Reilly, an ebullient Irishman from Elthamians and chairman of South-east London, said. His society, now in its third year, meets each month to discuss specific aspects of refereeing, usually in the presence of senior officials.

"It's remarkable how much people pick up in confidence just after hearing senior referees talking about similar instances in the game which they have encountered. Players at a very junior level deserve the protection of a referee."

In the same way, junior referees deserve a system of their own which will give guidance and eradicate faults or bad habits. In an ideal world newcomers to refereeing would watch senior officials in action under the tutelage of another experienced referee, discuss what he did and why he did it, where he stood, his level of fitness, and so on.

Frequently, however, aspirants are cast in at the deep end on the assumption that they have at least read the laws, which are not always easily understood in any case. Each referees' society will organize its own courses, though methods differ from area to area.

"One of the blessings of these smaller societies is that they can provide training and offer a vetting process for referees wanting to join the senior societies," Johnny Johnson, the former England international referee and now president of the London society, said.

There is considerable practical guidance available. Clive Norling, arguably Britain's leading official, still regards Alan Bean's *Art of Refereeing* as his bible, even though it is some 20 years old and the Rugby Football Union and the Welsh Rugby Union have instructional material available, some in video form.

Norling himself, who began refereeing with his local district, Neath, and continued with the Hampshire society before returning to Wales, has produced a book, to be published in November, which will be of assistance to older hands as well as to novices: *Rugby Laws Illustrated* (Pelham Books).

● The transposition of a t for a w in these columns yesterday clouded an already fuzzy situation regarding the world tournament. John Kendall-Carpenter said that the International Board management committee hopes that more information will now become available to those invited to compete.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

UNITED STATES: National Football League: Los Angeles Rams 35, Seattle Seahawks 24.

BADMINTON

GRAND PRIX STANDINGS: Men: 1, Han Jian (China), 1,300pts; 2, M Frost (Den), 1,245; 3, S Baddeley (Eng), 1,180; 4, N Yates (Eng), 845; 5, M Sidek (Mal), 800; 6, M Kjeldsen (Den), 765; 7, Zhao Jianhua (China), 720; 8, P Padukone (India), 665; 9, I Frederiksen (Den), 650; 10, Sze Yu (Aus), 620. Women: 1, H Troke (Eng), 1,440; 2, Han Aiping (China) and Wu Jianqiu (China), 1,330; 4, K Larsen (Den), 1,245; 5, Li Lingwei (China), 1,000; 6, Zhang Yuli (China), 960; 7, Qian Ping (China), 880; 8, G Gowers (Eng), 705; 9, D Julien (Can), 560; 10, Guan Weizhen (China), 540.

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: American League: Toronto Blue Jays 5, Milwaukee Brewers 1; Detroit Tigers 2, Boston Red Sox 1; Texas Rangers 11, Seattle Mariners 4; Chicago White Sox 6, California Angels 5; Oakland Athletics 8, Cleveland Indians 7. National League: Montreal Expos 10, Chicago Cubs 7; New York Mets 4, Philadelphia Phillies 1; Los Angeles Dodgers 5, Houston Astros 3; St Louis Cardinals 5, Pittsburgh Pirates 4; San Francisco Giants 7, San Diego Padres 2.

GOLF

SAN JOSE (California): San Jose women's classic: 209: V Skinner and P Bradley (Skinner won sudden-death play-off). 211: B Solomon and N Lopez.

PGA MONEY WINNERS: 1, C Strange $542,321; 2, R Floyd $378,989; 3, C Peete $368,539; 4, H Sutton $362,560; 5, L Wadkins $361,513; 6, C Pavin $353,440; 7, R Maltbie $352,774; 8, M O'Meara $318,040; 9, C Stadler $283,826; 10, B Langer (WG) $271,044. British totals: 116, N Faldo $48,335; 128, A Lyle $40,452; 129, P Oosterhuis $40,112.

LPGA MONEY WINNERS: 1, N Lopez $400,222; 2, P Bradley $380,956; 3, A Miller $328,104; 4, A Alcott $279,919; 5, P Sheehan $227,408; 6, B King $213,803; 7, B Daniel $174,044; 8, J Clark $163,428; 9, J Blalock $147,426; 10, J Stephenson (Aus) $143,849.

ATHLETICS

EAST BERLIN: German Sports Festival: Men's Shot: U Timmerman (EG) 22.62m (World Record). Women's Long Jump: H Drechsler (EG) 7.44m (World Record). Women's 400m Hurdles: S Busch (EG) 53.56sec (World Record).

SNOOKER

GLASGOW: Lang's Supreme Scottish Masters: Semi-finals: C Thorburn (Can) bt S Francisco (SA) 6-0; W Thorne bt J White 6-2. Final: Thorburn bt Thorne 9-7.

TENNIS

BARCELONA: Nabisco Grand Prix tournament, first round: G Forget (Fr) bt J Aguilera (Sp) 6-3, 6-4; J Karetic (WG) bt H Sundstrom (Swe) 6-4, 6-4; K Carlsson (Swe) bt E Bengoechea (Arg) 6-2, 6-3; H de la Pena (Arg) bt P McNamee (Aus) 6-0, 6-4; F Cancellotti (Arg) bt G Vilas (Arg) 6-3, 6-7, 6-4; R Agenor (Haiti) bt A Ganzabal (Arg) 5-7, 6-3, 6-2; S Eriksson (Swe) bt J Bardou (Sp) 6-2, 6-2; P McNamara (Aus) bt J Gunnarsson (Swe) 6-3, 6-3; S Simonsson (Swe) bt L Duncan (US) 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; D Perez (Sp)...

SAN FRANCISCO: Transamerica grand prix tournament, first round: R Green bt M Mitchell 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; M Leach bt M Purcell 6-3, 6-4; M Dickson bt D Pate 7-6, 6-2; J Sacri bt M Davis 7-5, 6-2; B Gilbert bt T Moor 6-4, 6-3; T Mayotte bt M Ostoja (Yug) 6-4, 6-3; G Holmes bt P McEnroe 6-2, 6-7, 6-3.

NEW ORLEANS: Women's tournament, first round: L Gildemeister (Peru) bt L Antonopolis (US), 6-2, 6-4; W White (US) bt H Ludloff (US), 7-6, 6-3; A White (US) bt K Kinney (US), 6-3, 6-0; J Thompson (Aus) bt S Collins (US), 6-2, 6-2; L McNeil (US) bt S Walsh-Pete (US), 6-2, 6-2; P Louie (US) bt A Henrickson (US), 7-6, 6-4; Z Garrison (US) bt K Sands (US), 6-2, 6-1; M Platek (US) bt K Horvath (US), 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

GRAND PRIX RANKINGS: 1, J McEnroe (US), 3,561 pts; 2, I Lendl (Cz), 3,284; 3, M Wilander (Swe), 2,423; 4, J Connors (US), 2,058; 5, B Becker (WG), 1,903; 6, Y Noah (Fr), 1,585; 7, A Jarryd (Swe), 1,410; 8, S Edberg (Swe), 1,301; 9, M Mecir (Cz), 1,281; 10, T Mayotte (US), 1,208.

ATP RANKINGS: 1, I Lendl (Cz); 2, J McEnroe (US); 3, M Wilander (Swe); 4, J Connors (US); 5, K Curren (US); 6, Y Noah (Fr); 7, A Jarryd (Swe) and B Becker (WG); 9, S Edberg (Swe); 10, J Nystrom (Swe).

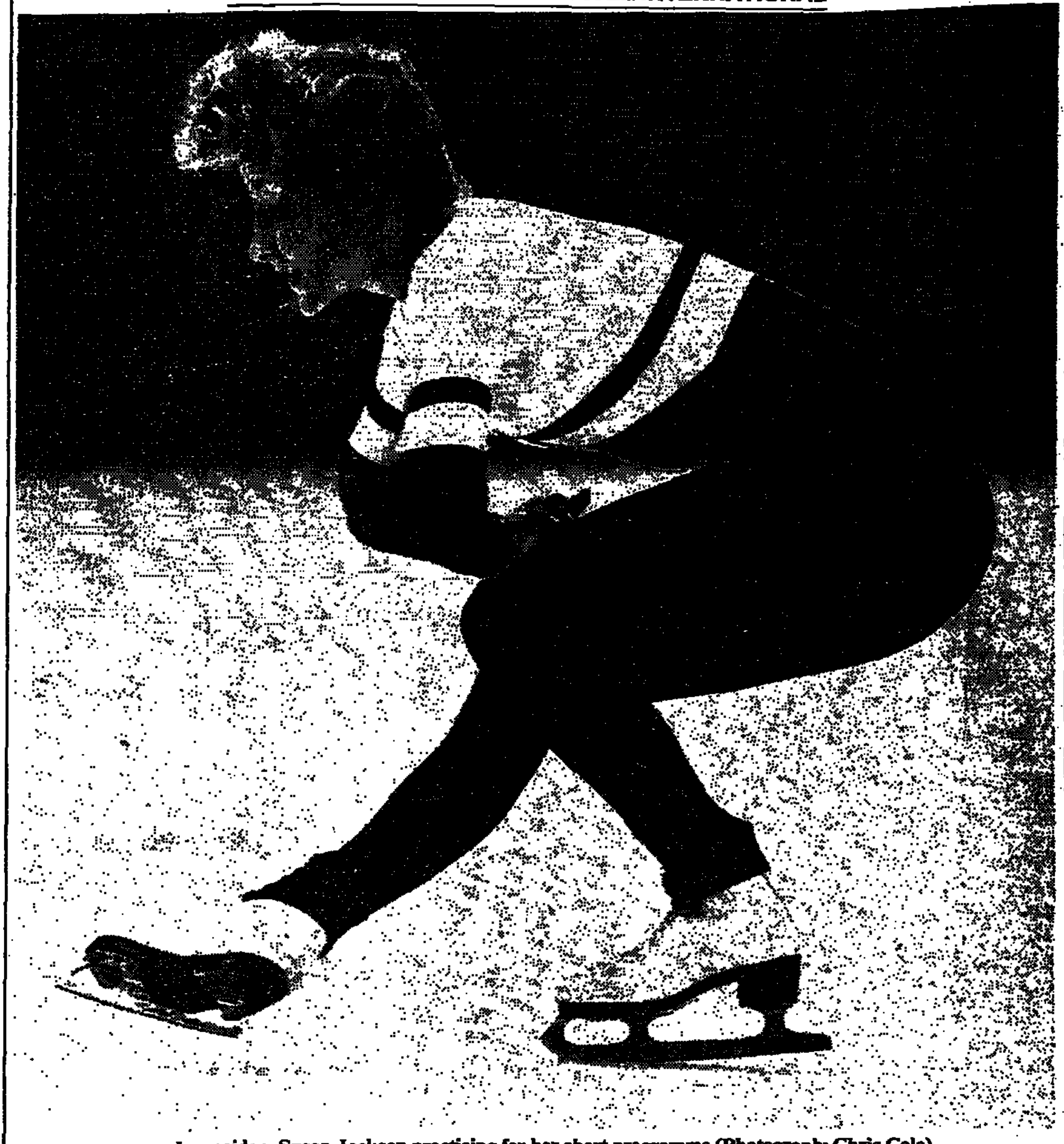
SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Wolverhampton 39, Halifax 39.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Exeter 51, Wimbledon 27

SPEEDWAY STAR KNOCKOUT CUP: First round replay, second leg: Reading 43, Sheffield 34. (Reading win 82-73 on agg).

ICE SKATING: FIRST DAY OF ST IVEL INTERNATIONAL



Ice maiden: Susan Jackson practising for her short programme (Photograph: Chris Cole).

Miss Conway upstages British champion

By John Hennessy

Joanne Conway, a 14-year-old from North Shields, more than justified British hopes with her compulsory figures on the first morning of the St Ivel ice international at Richmond yesterday. She finsihed third to Debi Thomas, who is ranked fourth in the world, and Carola Wolff, of West Germany, a figure specialist who may be hard pressed to stand her ground in the free skating sections of the competition.

Miss Conway, who had come in as a reserve for her first international competition at senior level, finished a place ahead of Cynthia Coull, an experienced Canadian, and Susan Jackson, British champion in 1983 and 1984.

A margin of 1.2 points thus separates the two British skaters. Since this represents more than one individual placing in the long programme, Miss Jackson will want to narrow the gap during the intervening short.

Miss Conway's first mark of the morning, for the counter, was 3.8 from the Swiss judge, a rare achievement these days for compulsory figures. It was, indeed, to be the highest single mark in the women's event.

Mary Groombridge, of Britain, did not share her Swiss colleague's view and hoisted the lowest mark of all seven judges, 3.0. Nor was Miss Conway able to maintain quite the high standard of her first figure, but she wheedled a laudable 3.7 out of both Mrs Groombridge and the American judge for her loops.

Christa Fassi, with whom Miss Conway now trains in Colorado, was delighted with her pupil's progress, though disappointed with the second figure. Another trainer felt that Miss Conway may have found an unsatisfactory piece of ice, less flat than it might have been, a common cause for complaint at Richmond. Miss Thomas was also punished by Mrs Groombridge for her first figure, with a mark as low as 2.8, but she got stronger as the competition progressed, the mark of a potential champion.

Grzegorz Filipowski, of Poland, won the men's figures, with Brian Orser, of Canada, second in the world last year, in second place. Filipowski was granted a 4.0 for his counter by Vanessa Riley, of Great Britain, and the panel broke 5.4 in Poland's favour.

Stephen Pickavance, the British champion, received an encouraging 3.6 from Mrs Groombridge, but elsewhere there were too many marks below 3.0 to raise him above eighth place in a field of nine.

WOMEN'S COMPULSORY FIGURES: 1, D Thomas (US) 0.6pts; 2, C Wolff (WG) 1.2; 3, J Conway (GB) 1.8; 4, C Coull (Can) 2.4; Equal 5, S Jackson (GB), C Villiger (Switz) 3.0.

MEN'S COMPULSORY FIGURES: 1, G Filipowski (Pol) 0.6; 2, B Orser (Can) 1.2; 3, L Depouilly (Fr) 1.8; 4, C Bowman (US) 2.4; 5, L Aakesson (Swe) 3.0; 6, F Kirsten (EG) 3.6. British placing: 8, S Pickavance 4.8.

DANCE (after two compulsories): 1, Miss N Annenko and G Sretenski (USSR); 2, Miss S Semanick and S Gregory (US); 3, Miss K Garossino and R Garossino (Can); 4, Miss K Engi and A Toth (Hun); 5, Miss A Becherer and F Becherer (WG); 6, Miss S Jones and P Askham (GB).

MOTOR RACING: Sir Jack Brabham, Australia's world champion in 1959, 1960 and 1966, officially opened the Adelaide street circuit yesterday on which the inaugural Australian Grand Prix will be held on November 3.

CRICKET

Radford on stand-by

Neal Radford, the Worcestershire fast bowler, and Dipak Patel, his county colleague, have been nominated reserves for England's winter tours. Both have been put on standby in case any of the players already selected for the Test series in the West Indies and the 'B' tour to Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe, are forced to withdraw.

Radford was the only bowler in the country to take over 100 first-class wickets this summer in his first season with Worcestershire. Mike Jones, county chairman, informed him of the news as he was preparing to spend another winter playing in South Africa.

"He was thrilled to bits," Jones said "He has had a tremendous season and it is a fitting reward to discover he is next in line in the selector's minds.

"Patel was even more surprised after what has been an indifferent season by his own standards. But he is a splendid all rounder, and having been close to breaking into the international reckoning before, thoroughly deserves this recognition." Patel is also planning a winter abroad, playing in New Zealand.

IN BRIEF

UEFA to decide England's fate next month

Vienna, (AFP) – England's participation in the 1988 European football Championships in West Germany will head the agenda of the meeting of the executive committee of UEFA, European football's governing body, here on October 17.

Teams from England were excluded indefinately from Europe after the Brussels tragedy in May and UEFA may take the opportunity to set a time-limit on the the ban on English clubs.

● Scotland will play East Germany in Glasgow on October 16.

BOXING: Herol Graham, the British middleweight champion, meets Don Bowers, of the United States, at the Albert Hall on October 16. The unbeaten Graham was due to meet Ayub Kalule tomorrow for the European title, but the champion is seeking another bout before meeting him so Graham may have to wait until January for his chance.

POWERBOATING: The South African formula one Grand Prix has been cancelled by the UIM, the sport's governing body. The decision follows stiff opposition from countries including Sweden and Italy, to the Grand Prix which was to be held, on November 10. The remaining world championship race, the Spanish Grand Prix, has been put back from October 13 until November 3.

FENCING: Angelo Scuri, a member of Italy's world champion foil team, has been suspended for six months for taking a stimulant at an international tournament in Bonn in May.

Mitchell Platts profiles a small man making a big impact

Woosnam inspired to greater heights by Player's drive

It is a mere coincidence that around the time in 1965 when Gary Player was clawing his way back from seven down with 17 to play against Tony Lema in the world match-play championship, Ian Woosnam was taking his first amateurish swipe at a golf ball.

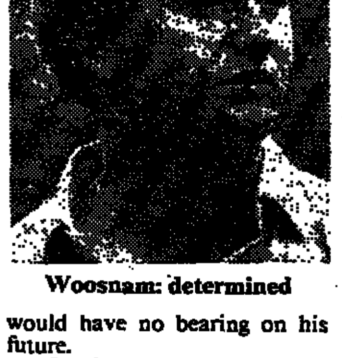
Yet as Woosnam tees off tomorrow against the American, Joey Sindelar, in the first round of the 1985 Suntory world match-play championship, there will be a good cause to compare him with the phenomenal Player, who is missing for only the second time in 22 years.

Woosnam says: "Gary Player was my boyhood hero. I'm small and he was the little guy beating men who seemed twice his size. He was gritty, gutsy and he never, never gave up. It was watching the stars – but Gary most of all – on TV which convinced me I wanted to make golf a career."

Born in Owestry in March 1958, Woosnam first recalls playing at the age of seven at the Llanymynech club, where his parents were members. But it was not until he was 13 that Woosnam felt the urge to turn the game, until then a hobby, into a prospective career.

He enjoyed working on the family farm in the hills of Llanymynech, on the border of Shropshire and Wales, and there is no doubt that it was there, ploughing the fields with his father, that he strengthened his 5ft 5in frame.

Although at the age of 14, was already being dwarfed, playing alongside Sandy Lyle in the Shropshire county team, there were signs of his explosive power and natural aggression. Clearly, Woosnam's determination to succeed was initially fired by his diminutive stature, natural desire to prove that size would have no bearing on his future.



Woosnam: determined

After he turned professional in 1976, he was prepared to sond every morning working at the Hill Valley Golf Club, near Whitchurch, in return for being able to play the course in the afternoon. "I helped the green staff, raked the bunkers, planted trees then went behind the bar at lunchtime," he says.

In 1979, Woosnam won the under-23 match-play championship, and 12 months later he represented Wales in the World Cup. Even so, in a matter of weeks, he had stumbled into a cul-de-sac.

He finished 104th in the European order of merit in 1981, with winnings of only £1,599. Woosnam says: "It must have been my lowest moment because I even thought of quitting. I went out for the Nigerian Open in 1982 thinking of whether or not to turn in the tournament life and become a club professional.

"But in Nigeria, on the practice range, I took a look at all the other guys. I thoubt to myself that I could play as well as any one of them but that I was blunting my own progress by becoming too frustrated even if I hit only bad shot."

Woosnam climbed out of six years of professional obscurity by winning the 1982 Swiss Open and going on to win the Silk Cut Masters (1983), Scandinavian Open (1984) and the Zambian Open earlier this year.

He teamed up with Paul Way to play an important part in Europe's famous Ryder Cup win over the United States, but he was disappointed by his own failure to beat Craig Stadler in the singles.

"I believe that there are players, when it comes down to match-play, that you never play well with or against", Woosnam says. "For instance, I've never played well with or against Sam Torrance. But fortunately he's in a different half of the draw than me this week – so we can only meet in the final!"

Woosnam has earned £80,000 in the Epson order of merit this season but he has not won in Europe in spite of finishing in the top 10 in no less than 10 tournaments. "I've thrown away winning chances by putting poorly", he says.

"Last week in Spain I decided to go back to my old style and to stay loyal to one putter. I've been carrying three or four about with me this season, which is ridiculous.

"Every time I stand on the first tee I think about shooting 18 birdies – and I did have eight in a row in the Benson and Hedges international at Fulford in August. I want to be number one in Europe, then number one in the world and to win the British Open. But I also know that I've got 20 years of good golf in me so I don't want to burn myself out".

Ballesteros to play more in Europe

By Mitchell Platts

Severiano Ballesteros will increase his commitment to European golf next season after informing officials in the United States that he will not be able to comply with their requirement to contest 15 tournaments this year in order to retain his player's card.

Ballesteros, who won the Sanyo Open in Barcelona on Sunday, began practising at Wentworth yesterday in his attempt to win the Suntory world match-play championship, which begins tomorrow, for the fourth time in five years.

The Spaniard explained: "When we won the Ryder Cup 10 days ago it was not so much a team of 12 golfers as a team of several million fans. It was a marvellous feeling, but outside Europe I get homesick. So next season I will spend 50 per cent of my playing time here, 25 per cent in the United States and 25 per cent in the rest of the world."

Ballesteros, who played only nine tournaments in the Unted States this season, has written to Deane Beman, the United States tour commissioner, to inform him of his decision to play less golf on the United States circuit. Ballesteros will now rely on sponsors' invitations to tournaments there.

Ballesteros added: "I hope that he understands. The trouble is that I tend to spend too much time doing nothing in America, whereas in Europe I could be enjoying myself.

"In American they have fantastic courses, fantastic golfers, and great tournaments but it's not for me all the time."

Britain's Sandy Lyle has played in only 13 events on the United States circuit this season, but as he will finish outside the top 125 money-winners, he will not be compelled to take his player's card, so he is likely to receive sponsors' invitations in the United States.

TENNIS

Mottram returns to the court with swift win

Buster Mottram, the No 1 player in Britain only three years ago, needed just 39 minutes to win his first tournament match in this country for a year. He overwhelmed Stuart King, of Surrey, in the Refuge Assurance £84,000 national championships at Telford yesterday.

Mottram, who dropped out of international competition two years ago, won 6-0, 6-1 and then said that the game in Britain was at a standstill.

"It isn't getting any worse but it hasn't got any better in the past 12 months," he said. Mottram put a major part of the blame for the lack of improvement on the clubs. "So many of them are not very inviting. In fact, a lot of them are little more than shacks," he added.

Mottram's game has been sharpened by seven weeks of competition in the West German league and King felt the effect as Mottram, the No 11 seed, conceded just seven points in the first set. He then blasted through the last six games of the second by taking 19 of the final 22 points.

Another quick winner was Anne Hobbs, last year's runner-up, in the women's singles. She beat Julie Donovan, of Streetly, aged 14 and the youngest player in the championships, 6-0, 6-0.

Miss Donovan tried to make a match of it against one of Britain's most experienced players and towards the end it became a battle of wills.

"She was determined to win at least one game and I was equally determined not to lose one," Miss Hobbs, the fourth seed, said.

Colin Dowdeswell, the defending champion and favourite to take the £7,500 first prize on Sunday, had to battle his way through a couple of sticky patches in his match against a qualifier, Brent Parker, of Gateshead.

It took Dowdeswell 100 minutes to win 3-6, 6-4, 6-2 after Parker had held on to the first set and pushed the holder hard late in the second.

Parker also extended Dowdeswell, who will be playing for Britain in a Davis Cup tie against Israel at Eastbourne next week, over the first four games of the final set, but once Dowdeswell found his range with a couple of forehand passing shots in the fifth game the rest came easily.

MEN'S SINGLES: First round. B Parker bt C Clarke, 6-1, 6-2; H McGuinness bt S Curtis 6-3, 6-2; C Peat bt N Sears, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; M Guntrip bt W Davies, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; S Icking-? bt H Beedham, 6-4, 6-7, 6-2; S King bt J Parish, 6-4, 6-4; B Knapp bt T Robson, 6-2, 6-4; D Sapsford bt A Douglas, 6-3, 6-3; P French bt S Botfield, 6-3, 6-4; R Booth bt S Booth 6-1, 6-4

MEN'S SINGLES: Second Round: C Mottram bt S King 6-0, 6-1. C Bradnam bt H McGuinness 6-0, 6-2. N Brown bt M Guntrip 6-3, 6-2; C Dowdeswell bt B Parker 3-6, 6-4, 6-2; D Felgate bt D Sapsford 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; S Shaw bt R Booth 5-7, 6-4, 6-3. L Alfred bt J Whiteford 3-6, 7-6, 7-5; J Bates bt S Icking-? 6-4, 6-7, 10-8; J Feaver bt P French 6-1, 6-4

WOMEN'S SINGLES: First round: S Sullivan bt N Barnabas, 6-0, 6-3; J Donovan bt K Hunter, 6-1, 5-7, 6-4; J Rich bt L Geeves, 6-3, 6-1; S Godman bt S Barker, 6-2, 6-3; K Brasher bt A Gunfeld, 6-2, 6-1

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Second Round: A Hobbs bt J Donovan 6-0, 6-0; L Gracie bt S Walpole 7-5, 6-1; S Mair bt L Gould 6-2, 6-3; A Croft bt S Sullivan 6-0, 6-1. A Simpkin bt R Einy 6-7, 6-4, 10-8; S Gomer bt K Brasher 6-1, 6-?; 6-3; J Rich bt J Salmon 6-4, 6-4; J Tacon bt S Godman 4-6, 6-1, 6-1, S Reeves bt J Caplen 4-6, 7-5, 6-2, J V Wood bt S McCarthy 6-4, 2-6, 7-5.

Sundstrom left out

Stockholm (AFP) – Sweden announced their team yesterday for the Davis Cup semi-final against Australia in Malmo from October 4 to 6 and they look clear favourites to reach the final.

The Swedes have the choice of surface and can afford to leave Henrik Sundstrom out of their squad. It comprises, Mats Wilander, the French and Australian Open champion, Anders Jarryd, a Wimbledon singles semi-finalist this year, Joakim Nystrom and Stefan Edberg. Australia will be without their leading player, Pat Cash, who is injured.

Wilander, who is ranked third in the world, is certain to play the first singles. Hans Olsson, Sweden's non-playing captain, is likely to choose Jarryd for the second singles as he did in the whitewash of India

Sundstrom, who played a major part in the victory, beating both Jimmy Connors and John McEnroe, has been unable to regain his place

Sweden have lost their last four meetings with Australia, but on their favourite clay surface they should stay on course to retain the trophy they won on clay with a 4-1 victory over the United States in the final in Göteborg last December.

MODERN PENTATHLON

Timely reward for elder statesman

By Michael Coleman

The handsome sponsorship which the Borough of Milton Keynes extended to the national championships last weekend was a lifeline. A downpayment of £1,000, for instance, covered hire of the horses, while the provision of facilities, a buffet and the promise of the same again next year made modern pentathletes feel a wanted species.

With Richard Phelps, the holder, still in Australia after the Melbourne world championship, and Dominic Mahony, fresh from his sixth place in the world junior event, spectating, the championship resolved itself into an Army versus Navy duel between Peter Whiteside, at 33, the old man of the sport, and Jim Nowak, a Melbourne selection.

Nowak, heavily in arrears after the shooting on what he complained was a poorly-lit indoor range, then made a tactical error in picking an early running slot. True, his time of 12min 44sec seemed to have sunk the soldiers' hopes but by diligent use of their scouts around the course they were unable to compare Nowak's splits with those of their man's and keep Whiteside duly informed. It worked. The sport's elder statesman just made it, with five seconds to spare.

Behind these two, and with the next Olympics in mind, there were encouraging performances from the super-fast Peter Hart, all-rounder Jason Lawrence, a Melbourne-weary Graham Brookhouse, an injured Steve Dadson and from Jon Bartlett, who plugged on despite a zero ride.

These nine, and road crash victim Tim Haddon, now rapidly on the mend, form the nucleus on whom the main coaching effort will now be focussed, much of it in the hands of Sgt Whiteside himself at the Army's centre of excellence at Arborfield. In this good samaritan sport you do not deny your rivals succour.

Flouting rules for anti-football fun

AUSTRALIAN SPORT
Sue Mott

A church in the football-crazed suburb of Hawthorn once posted a board outside its front door asking: "What would you do if God came to Hawthorn today?" A momentous question, to which some black sheep member of the flock replied underneath: "Move Peter Hudson to centre left half forward."

You hardly need to knoe that Peter Hudson was a famed full forward with the Australian Rules Football club of Hawthorn to appreciate the story.

The passion engendered by Aussie Rules Football, particularly in its archdiocese, Melbourne, is one of the more bizarre shades of Australian sport. This hybrid game, a sort of volleyball for rugby players, has had a special hold on the city since the 1850's, when T. W. Willis conceived it as a keep-fit regime for the Melbourne cricket team.

On Saturday that passion will heighten to a religious frenzy when Hawthorne and Essendon assemble on the hallowed turf of the Melbourne Cricket Ground for the annual ritual of the Grand Final.

This week the citizens of Melbourne will hear of nothing else. Nothing hamstrings, kneecaps, groins, official breakfasts, lunches, dinners, quotes, odds and bets. For a week this sedate Victorian city will transform into a mini-province of punters, pugilists and pompom girls ... and there is no escape.

Or, at least, there was no escape Until one Sunday afternoon in 1967 when a journalist, Douglas Wilkie, of the Melbourne Sun, sighed with exasperation and pleaded: "Is there no end to this, a refuge Aussie rules?"

His colleague, Keith Dunstan, was so inspired by the suggestion, he made it the subject of his column, and so the Anti-Football League was born.

Eighteen years on, the League has an international membership of 200,000, united in the avoidance of football at all costs. A small, red, square badge, grated to each new member, is symbolic of an object which refuses to bounce, and a recent innovation is the mock sale of season tickets at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, entitling the holders to stay away from the seats of their choice all year.

And not to be outdone by the wanton profusion of hype that precedes the grandiose final, the AFI will be holding a small ceremony of its own this week. "Small" is the opetive word. At the Melbourne Cricket Ground, no less, the winner of the Douglas Wilkie Medal for gross disservice to football will be presented with the award before an audience of not more than four.

To complete the ignoble gesture, the AFL will perform another institutionalized service – the annihilation of a football. In the early days a hapless ball was simply doused in petrol and burned to death while a bugler played the last post. But fearful imagination has wrought several variations in recent times. This year, for instance, the pigskin victim will be shredded through a garden mulcher on Anti-Footy Day.

Naturally, this fiendishly un-Australian stance has not gone unnoticed by the pro football faction. Amid the sackfuls of letters in support of the scheme were missives of undying hostility. "If you and other fairies don't like Australian Rules Football then why don't you go and live in Sydney?" raged one offended Melbournian. "You two guys gotta be a pair of commos," another deduced. He cited the red badge as a sneaky revolutionary symbol.

Through all this abuse, the AFL has sailed largely unscathed. Admittedly, one politician awarded the Wilkie Medal agreed to accept it, but only in secret. To be dubbed an anti-footyist on the eve of an election could be a death knell to any Parliamentary career, he felt. But another politician, the former state Liberal leader, Lindsay Thompson, gave the league one of their most stirring triumphs. He was a recipient of the Wilkie Award only for the shocking news to break that he was also a patron of Richmond Football Club. He never did make Prime Minister.

All the membership fees collected by the league are donated to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, and as a measure of its success – the yawning chasm it has filled in the hearts and minds of anti-sportsmen and women everywhere – a sister organization has been spawned in California, the Anti-Gridiron League.

However, the Anti-Footy League have also had their set-backs. One year, an elaborate plan to bury a football at sea was concocted. Television cameramen gathered at a dockside near Melbourne as the ball was ceremoniously laid in a coffin by mourners in funeral top hats and dumped over the edge of the pier. There was a poignant and respectful silence as the blighted object sank. Then suddenly, with an avenging gurgle, the air-filled ball surfaced from its watery grave – an unsinkable testimony to an irrepressible game.

RACING: MERCER CAN PLAY PROMINENT PART FOR BRITISH TEAM IN JOCKEYS' CHALLENGE AT SANDOWN

Piggott to pounce on All Agreed

By Mandarin

Lester Piggott and Joe Mercer, both in the twilight of their distinguished careers in the saddle, can help the British team to a decisive victory over the Rest of the World in the three-race jockeys' challenge at Sandown Park today.

The opportunities to see Piggott at his incomparable best this season have been few and far between but racegoers could see a typical late flourish from the former champion in the Tokyo Sprint where he partners All Agreed.

John Winter's four-year-old needs a testing five furlongs on fast ground to be seen at his best and has everything in his favour today. In his two victories this season, at Sandown and Beverley, All Agreed has been produced very late and I hope to see Piggott pounce right on the line.

Mercer, with a good ride in each of the three races, looks to have an excellent chance of winning the individual title and the best of his trio should be In the Shade in the Flemington Stayers' Limited Handicap.

In the Shade finished third behind Eastern Mystic and Western Dancer on his latest outing at Doncaster where Insular was fourth. As Western Dancer had previously won the Tote-Ebor and Eastern Mystic and Insular dominated the Coral Autumn Cup at Newbury only last Saturday, the form could scarely be more reliable.

On a line through Western Dancer, there is little to choose between my selection and Split Image, but Mercer's strength and experience should give him the edge over Split Image's Japanese rider, Sueo Masuzawa. Mercer partners Happy House in the first challenge race, the Bay Meadows Mile, and they should play a prominent part. However, I much prefer Scoutsmistake, the mount of Pat Eddery, who is taken to continue Brian McMahon's excellent season.

Scoutsmistake is the leading light of McMahon's Tamworth stable and this consistent miler ran the race of his life to be third to Come on the Blues in the Hunt Cup at Royal Ascot where he had those good handicappers, Vintage Toll, Tremblant and Shmaireekh, immediately behind him.

The wet summer has been all against Scoutsmistake but he has still managed a Pontefract success and two seconds under big weights since that fine Ascot run. He was unsuited by the tight turns when sixth to Grand Harbour in his last run at Chester and the demanding Sandown circuit will be much more to his liking.

Wiki Wiki Wheels and the lightly-raced Karkan look the pick of the opposition but Scoutsmistake, like many geldings, has improved with age and the six-year-old is napped to get the British team off to a winning start.

Outside the challenge races I will be most interesed to see how Queen's Soldier runs in the Sandown Stakes. Henry Cecil's colt looked to have a bright future when winning his first race at Yarmouth impressively but was a disappointing even-money favourite on his latest outing at Newmarket where he could manage only third to Jewelled Reef.

That performance was better than it looked at the time as the second horse, Bright as Night, has since run well to chase home Bold Arrangement in the Solario Stakes and My Ton Ton, fourth, won a good race at Newbury on Friday. Today's race provides an excellent opportunity for Queen's Soldier to return to winning ways.

Peter Easterby's string have shown signs of returning to their best in recent weeks and the Great Habton trainer has bright prospects of a double at Beverley with Bollin Palace (3.45) and Well Rigged (4.15).

Guy Harwood's Karkan, who will be partnered by Brent Thomson in the Bay Meadows Mile, the first leg of the international jockeys' contest

Royal Harmony gets act together in time for California

Royal Harmony outclassed his rivals in the Wren Stakes at Leicester yesterday and, with this second confidence boosting win under his belt, will be hard to beat at Newmarket next week.

Sheikh Mohammed's chestnut, fourth in the 2,000 Guineas, but down the field in the Epsom Derby, is a high class colt, who, after contesting next week's Petition Stakes, will be sent to race in California, where he will revel on the firm ground.

Royal Harmony's all the way win at Yarmouth last Wednesday worked wonders for the hitherto diappointing colt. A warm favourite on this occasion, he was completely relaxed and always travelling sweetly. Brent Thomson soon had him in front and in the last quarter of a mile the combination strode away from the opposition to win by half a dozen lengths from Elegant Fashion with No Credibility third.

Kudz, after running so well when runner-up to stable companion Bonhomie on his debut at Yarmouth, was 6-4 on for division one of the EBF Kegworth Maiden Stakes, but it was only in the closing stages that he really got into his stride and he failed by a neck to catch the 20-1 chance Floating Asset.

Joe Mercer took Floating Asset to the front two furlong out, and Lord Howard de Walden's all-American-bred grey stayed the seven furlongs well. Steve Cauthen said that Kudz was not suited by the course and needed a longer trip. He was never going well down the hill, and only started to motor when he met the rising ground.

Gary Carter, one of the apprentice finds of the season, kept the 10-1 chance Camerion going strongly to win the Rancliffe Selling Nursery after which the colt was retained by Eric Eldin without a bid.

● Peter Scudamore, with top points of 31, led the Southern team to an easy 61-37 victory over their northern rivals in today's *Mail On Sunday* challenge match at Sedgefield yesterday. The win was clinched in the final leg of the contest when Pollys Pal and Stop It finished first and second for the south.

Arc reduced to 36 entries

Sagace, attempting to follow up last year's Prix de L'Arc de Triomphe victory, heads 36 horses left in the race after yesterday's *forfeit stage*. There looks likely to be a small field for the October 6 race, with Sagace possibly facing the least opponents since Sassafras took on 14 others in 1970.

On paper the race is developing into a battle between Daniel Wildenstein and the Aga Khan, whose strong team looks likely to be built around *Zozana*, Lashkari and Shernazar.

Sagace, who is a hot favourite to keep his season's unbeaten record intact, will almost certainly be ridden in the Arc by Eric Legrix as Yves Sain-Martin will be claimed to ride for the Aga Khan – probably on board Kozana.

The acceptors are: Rainbow Quest, Lashkari, Shernazar, Comanche Run, Bob Back, Alan Ford, Jupiter Island, Complice, Canetor, Bateoc, Castle Guard, Meldorer, Sagace, Strawberry Road, Marble Run, Faburola, Bedmege, Mouktar, Somayr, Lord Duke, Theatrical, Hades, Reach, Don Orazio, Air De Cour, Heraldiste, Kozana, Fanah, Kornisk, Graecia Magna, Alydar's Best, Triptich, Galla Placidia, La Koumia, Kashi Lagoon, Walensee.

Perth waterlogged

Today's race meeting at Perth has been cancelled because of waterlogging. The clerk of the course, David McHarg, said: "Any going that's visible is heavy, the rest is under water." There will be a further inspection at 10am today to see whether tomorrow's meeting can take place

Blinkered first time

BEVERLEY none
SANDOWN 3.35 Rough Pearl, Vital Boy. 4.35 Impressive Reward

Course specialists

SANDOWN

TRAINERS: M Stoute 35 winners from 150 runners, 23.3%. H Cecil 16 from 65, 24.6%. W Hastings-Bass 7 from 34, 20.6%.

JOCKEYS: L Piggott 54 wins from 227 rides, 23.8%. Pat Eddery 44 from 258, 17.1%. W R Swinburn 23 from 140, 16.4%.

BEVERLEY

TRAINERS: J Dunlop 11 wins from 29 runners, 37.9%. H Thomson Jones 13 from 37, 35.1%. W O'Gorman 12 from 38, 31.6.

JOCKEYS: T Ives 24 wins from 141 rides, 17.0%. J Bleasdale 13 from 84, 15.5%. P Robinson 11 from 75, 14.7%.

BEVERLEY

Going: good to firm

Draw advantage: 5f-1m, high numbers best

2.15 BURTON AGNES MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 3-y-o: £686: 1m 2f) (12 runners)

1	0-	ABBEE VALLEY M Camacho 9-0	N Connorton	9
4	2323	CHANGANOOR R Hollinshead 9-0	S Parks	6
6	4	CRUISE J Leigh 9-0	J Reid	12
7	00	DARK CYGNET Denys Smith 9-0	D Leadbitter 5	1
10	3800	EUROPRINTER R Whitaker 9-0	W Ryan	5
13	0-044	GULPHAR C Brittain 9-0	R Cochrane	4
23	0003	PELLINCOURT G Wragg 9-0	P Robinson	3
29	004-	TURN OF LUCK M H Easterby 9-0	M Birch	11
32	3200	BUSCA J Etsey 8-11	–	2
34	000	DAYBREAKER S Norton 8-11	J Lowe	8
54	0-00	SEATTLE SWAY J Dunlop 8-11	T Ives	7
58	0-30	WASSLAWEYEH (BF) B Hills 8-11	M Hills	10

1984: Maldoror 9-0 Paul Eddery (11-10 fav) H Cecil 19 ran.

5-2 Changanoor, 7-2 Wassalweyeh, 5-1 Cruise And Pellincourt, 7 Turn Of Luck, 12 Seattle Sway, Gulphar, 16 others.

Beverley selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Changanoor. 2.45 Slate Market. 3.15 Mavahra. 3.45 Bollin Palace. 4.15 Well Rigged. 4.45 La Zingara. 5.10 Lannuier.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.15 Pellincourt. 2.45 Foxcroft. 3.15 Al Zawbaah. 3.45 Greenstead Lady. 4.15 Lotus Princess. 4.45 La Zingara.

2.45 LEVEN NURSERY SELLING HANDICAP STAKES (2-y-o: £1,008: 1m 110yd) (14)

1	0002	SLATE MARKET J FitzGerald 9-7	–	10
2	0200	CLASS HOPPER W Elsey 9-6	J Lowe	13
3	4400	FOOLISH TIMES A Smith 9-6	–	5
5	0010	FOXCROFT (C) P Haslam 9-3	G Duffield	12
6	0040	ANDERBY W Wharton 8-12	E Guest 3	7
7	3000	CHEVET LADY (B) R Whitaker 8-12	W Ryan	8
8	0220	POPLAR (B) T Fairhurst 8-12	–	9
9	0200	MADAM GERARD W Wharton 8-11	N Carlisle	11
11	3000	WILLOWS LAD K Stone 8-8	C Dwyer	2
12	0003	CONNAUGHT LAD M Brittain 8-8	M Wigham	14
13	3424	TAWNY HILL R Hollinshead 8-6	S Perks	1
14	3020	SKERNE STREAM M Camacho 8-6	N Connorton	6
15	2000	QUIVERING N Chamberlain 8-2	M Wood	4
16	0300	TOROS QUEEN M Chapman 8-4	S P Griffiths 5	3

1984: Glenderry 8-8 M Hills (4-1) H Thomson Jones 5 ran.

11-4 Connaught Lad, 4 Poplar, Slate Market, 5 Tawny Hill, 8 Foxcroft, 8 Skerne Stream, 10 Class Hopper, 14 others.

3.15 RAFFINGORA SPRINT STAKES (£2,624: 5f) (8)

1	2111	AL ZAWBAAH (D) H Thomson Jones 3-10-1	A Murray	6
2	0302	FAIRWAYS GIRL (CD) M W Easterby 3-9-12	M Hindley 5	4
3	3100	HI-HUNSLEY (B) (D) C Booth 3-8-12	R Lines 3	8
4	0400	MAVAHRA (CD) H Rohan 3-8-12	M Birch	2
9	1110	FAYRUZ (D) W O'Gorman 2-8-8	T Ives	1
11	3020	YOUNG PUGGY (D) R Hollinshead 2-8-0	W Ryan	5
12	0	BRADBURY HALL J Glover 2-7-10	D McKeown	7
13	000	NIPPER SMITH W Bentley 2-7-10	M L Thomas	3

1984: Double Schwartz 3-10-0 J Mercer (8-13 fav) C Nelson 7 ran.

2 Al Zawbaah, 5-2 Fairways Girl, 3 Fayruz, 5 Mavahra, 10 Young Puggy, 14 Hi-Hunsley, 50 others.

3.45 CHERRY BURTON HANDICAP STAKES (£1,576: 1m 4f) (15)

2	1p	JESTO J FitzGerald 4-10-0	A Murray	6
5	1020	BOLLIN PALACE M H Easterby 3-9-1	M Birch	8
6	4128	GREENSTEAD LADY J Winter 4-9-0	R Hills	2
8	0102	DANSEUSE VERTE B Hills 3-8-12	M Hills	1
10	1030	DASHING LIGHT (D) D Morley 4-8-10	G Duffield	7
11	0040	MOON PARADE (B) J Dunlop 3-8-9	J Reid	5
13	3000	APPLE WINE (CD) D Chapman 8-8-6	D Nicholls	10
17	0100	WILDRUSH (C,D) W C Watts 5-8-5	–	9
18	4332	BALMACARA (D) P Felgate 4-8-4	R Cochrane	15
22	0040	RADWHAW (D) J Etherington 4-8-1	M Wood	11
27	0108	WILD GINGER (B) (CD) J W Watts 3-8-0	N Connorton	14
28	2200	HEIGHT OF SUMMER D Arbuthnot 4-7-12	N Howe	12
33	3000	TINOCO R Hollinshead 5-7-7	W Ryan	13
36	0042	BALGOWNIE T Kersey 5-7-7	M Richardson 7	4
37	0-000	BATON MATCH M Chapman 5-7-7	S P Griffiths 5	3

1984: Lady Ever-So-Sure 6-8-1 G Duffield (12-1) J Etherington 15 ran.

4 Balmacara, 5 Dashing Light, 6 Danseuse Verte, 7 Bollin Palace, 8 Jestoo, Moon Parade, 10 Apple Wine, 14 Wildrush, 16 others.

4.15 WEEL HANDICAP STAKES (£1,734: 1m 110yd) (19)

1	1000	ROCABAY BLUE (C) M Camacho 4-10-0	T Ives	1
5	1231	WELL RIGGED (C) M H Easterby 4-9-8 (6 ex)	M Birch	12
7	3203	WARPLANE C Thornton 5-8-4	J Bleasdale	5
9	0030	ITALIAN SECRET (C) (BF) B McMahon 4-8-13	A Mackay	15
11	2003	GREED D Morley 4-8-13	J Lowe	4
13	0140	SPANISH REEL (BF) P Walwyn 3-8-11	N Howe	9
14	0332	LOTUS PRINCESS W Hastings-Bass 4-8-11	R Lines	18
16	0000	WILLIE GAN Denys Smith 7-8-9	D Leadbitter 5	17
21	0-000	SHAGRAAN J Dunlop 3-8-5	A Murray	7
22	00-00	MALEK (C) Mrs B Waring 5-8-6	J Williams	3
23	1020	WESTWAY LAD M Hinchliffe 6-8-6	R Cochrane	2
26	2000	DREYFUS (B) D Sasse 3-8-3	–	11
28	3201	JANE'S BRAVE BOY (C) D Chapman 3-8-2	S P Griffiths 5	10
29	0000	CLOTILDA P Calver 3-8-2	M Fry	8
31	000	JOCKEY GIRL R Armstrong 3-7-13	M L Thomas	19
33	1000	DALLAS SMITH M Chapman 4-7-13	–	13
35	0338	CAROLYNCHRISTENSEN (B) N Callaghan 3-7-12	–	16
36	0040	MIAMI STAR (B) (D) Denys Smith 4-7-11	L Charnock	14
41	2-000	OYKEL BRIDGE M Prescott 3-7-10	G Duffield	6

1984: Gods Law 3-8-0 S Webster (12-1) A Smith 18 ran.

2 Well Rigged, 6 Oykel Bridge, 8 Lotus Princess, Greed, 10 Spanish Reel, Warplane, 12 Westway Lad, 14 Miami Star, 16 others.

4.45 E B F WILLERBY MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-y-o: £1,260: 1m 110yd) (19)

2	0	ASHRAF D O'Donnell 8-11	–	12
3	00	ASTURIANA W Mackie 8-11	N Carlisle	1
6	0	BRIDE R Boss 8-11	M Wigham	9
8	0	CROWNIT C Booth 8-11	R Hills	5
9		CUPIDS BOWER W Haigh 8-11	D Nicholls	6
11	40	FAIR ATLANTA (BF) M Prescott 8-11	G Duffield	14
16	00	LADY BRIT H Rohan 8-11	–	2
17	04	LA ZINGARA (BF) R Sheather 8-11	R Cochrane	16
18	02	MADISON GIRL R Whitaker 8-11	S Perks	15
19	03	MAL-Y-PENSE D Morley 8-11	M Birch	17
20	0232	MARACAS GIRL (BF) E Eldin 8-11	A Mackay	8
21	00	MEGAN'S MOVE J Jefferson 8-11	–	7
24		NITIDA E Weymes 8-11	E Guest 3	19
25	0	OUR ANNIE E Carter 8-11	M Wood	4
31	00	SICA SUE P Rohan 8-11	C Dwyer	18
36		TANY'S PRINCESS J Watts 8-11	T Ives	13
37	0	THE LITTLE JOKER W Elsey 8-11	M L Thomas	3
38	300	WILLBE WILLBE C Brittain 8-11	P Robinson	10
40		YELLOW CANARY J FitzGerald 8-11	A Murray	11

1984: Div I: English Spring 8-11 J Matthias (5-4 fav) I Balding 19 ran. Div II: Mingledale 8-8 R Lines (15-2) W Hastings-Bass 18 ran.

3 Mal-Y-Pense, 4 La Zingara, 11-2 Fair Atlanta, 7 Maracas Girl, 10 Madisongirl, 12 Bride, Lady Brit, 14 Tanya's Princess, 16 others.

5.10 BURTON AGNES MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 3-y-o: £686: 1m 2f) (12)

14	4-003	HANDLEBAR J Watts 9-0	T Ives	9
16	0048	LANNUIER J Dunlop 9-0	J Reid	6
18	0	LOCH BLUE C Booth 9-0	R Lines 3	1
20	0-000	MINDER'S MAN W Pearce 9-0	–	3
21	0000	MUSLEY BANKER C Tinkler 9-0	M Wood	2
22	0	OWN UP R Hollinshead 9-0	S Perks	7
31	0030	ALBACIYNA R Stubbs 8-11	–	8
33		CSL GIRL J Mulhall 8-11	–	11
44	000	LOCHNATINO M H Easterby 8-11	M Birch	5
45	000-0	MISS JOANNE Miss L Siddall 8-11	G Gosney	4
49		PORTRAIT W Elsey 8-11	J Lowe	12
50	0442	PRUDENCE E Weymes 8-11	E Guest 3	10

1984: Prince Oberon 9-0 B Crossley (15-1) W Haigh 18 ran.

5-2 Handlebar, 3 Prudence, 7-2 Lannuier, 6 Albaciyna, 8 Minder's Man, 12 Portrait, 18 others.

DEVON & EXETER

Going: firm

2.0 BALFOUR THREE-YEAR-OLD NOVICES' HURDLE (£508: 2m 1f) (12 runners)

3	211	PREORDINATION (CD) M Pipe 11-6	P Leach
4	1433	ASTICOT (B) J Jenkins 11-3	S Sherwood
8		ARENA AUCTION S Pattemore 10-10	S Earle 4
9	0f	BOB AND PETER J Douglas-Home 10-10	J White
10		BROAD WOOD T Hallett 10-10	–
11		CHICAGO JIM S Pattemore 10-10	G McCourt
13	0	CORZEIRO D Murray-Smith 10-10	C Brown
15	0	JAY-ZEE BOY D Wintle 10-10	A Carroll
17		LEGAL WIZZARD Mrs E Kennard 10-10	S McNeill
23		WING COMMANDER Mrs W Sykes 10-10	S Morshead
26		DIAPHANTINE R Frost 10-5	J Frost
28		STAR BET D Barons 10-5	P Nicholls

1984: Lector 10-13 R Arnott (7-4 fav) D Elsworth 9 ran.

8-11 Preordination, 9-2 Asticot, 11-2 Bob And Peter, 8 Corzeiro.

Devon selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Preordination. 2.30 Stratford Place. 3.0 Gold Measure. 3.30 Morice. 4.0 Holemoor Patrol. 4.30 Lochrun.

2.30 PETERS NOVICES' SELLING HURDLE (£431: 2m 1f) (12)

1	p-13p	CONOR'S ROCK (CD) D R Tucker 5-11-5	S McNeill
3	0420	PINING (BF) K Bailey 6-10-12	NON-RUNNER
4		STEEL BRIDGE M Sweetland 5-10-12	E Murphy 7
5	0p00-	STOLFORD R Pocock 5-10-12	P Richards
6	00-	STRATFORD PLACE W R Williams 5-10-12	R Goldstein
8	0243	TO-PALLIKARI-MOU M Pipe 5-10-12	P Leach
10	p3-23	BROCHE (BF) K Bishop 4-10-10	–
13	0p-0	BANNER ROSE J Roberts 5-10-7	W Knox 7
14	a0-40	CERVANTE SOVERIGN J Roberts 5-10-7	C Brown
15		JARB D Wintle 5-10-7	A Carroll
16	000/0	WHITE MORNING A Souch 6-10-7	–
17	000-0	ACTON TURVILLE J King 4-10-5	S Smith Eccles

1984: Miss Shamrock 4-10-1 W Newton (5-1) S Christian 8 ran.

7-2 Broche, 4 To-Pallikari-Mou, 11-2 Conor's Rock.

3.0 CHANNON & ROWE MACHINERY SERVICES NOVICES' CHASE (£1,746: 3m 1f) (10)

1	03-21	PRINCE BAI R Champion 9-11-8	H Davies
2	0210	ABOUSHABUN (BF) (B) J Jenkins 5-11-4	S Smith Eccles
5	0000	CULMLEIGH PADRE M Sweetland 12-11-4	M R Treloggen
8	100-2	FINAL CLEAR J Old 7-11-4	Mr C Llewellyn 7
9	00-34	GOLD MEASURE J Spearing 8-11-4	S Morshead
10	4000-	MASTER BOON D R Tucker 5-11-4	S McNeill
11	10	MO'S MAGIC W G Turner 10-11-4	Mr W Turner
12	20-	OUTSIDE CHANCE B Straight 8-11-4	Dr G Staight
13	3333	PRINCE BUSKINS F Gorman 10-11-4	J Frost
15	-023	PRINCESS ISIS B Forsey 7-10-13	P Dever

1984: Brass Ban 6-10-13 G McCourt (7-4 fav) R Champion 12 ran.

11-10 Prince Bai, 3 Final Clear, 5 Princess Isis, 6 Aboushabun.

3.30 BBC RADIO DEVON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,027: 2m 5f) (10)

1	1-140	MORICE (C) M Pipe 7-12-1	J Lower
2	1f12-	LYZINSTER (C) S Pattemore 5-12-0	K Townend
3	021f10	SPARK OFF (C) J Baker 9-11-5	C Evans
5	0pfp-	SQUIRE TRELAWNEY (C) F Hobbs 8-11-0	E Murphy
7	2201	BORDER GEM C Laxton 12-10-13 (7 ex)	C Cox
8	0-022	PLAZA TORO W G Turner 6-10-12	Tracey Turner
9	0p00-	JOLLY MAC J Thorne 7-10-12	J Hurst
10	3200-	BALLYGLUNIN G Gracey 5-10-5	P Gracey
11	0443	LILLE B Forsey 5-10-12	J D Davies
13	0000-	GETTING PLENTY F Gorman 6-9-13	D Wonnacott

1984: Bani 8-12-2 P Farrell (11-10 fav) M Pipe 9 ran.

5-2 Plaza Toro, 7-2 Lille, 4 Morice, 5 Lyminster, 8 Spark Off, 10 Getting Plenty, 12 others.

4.0 NEWQUAY NOVICES' HURDLE (£577: 2m 1f) (14)

2	14p2	FABULOUS DANCE (CD) C Holmes 7-11-10	C Mann
4	30	BOWDENS LANE J Baker 5-11-0	C Brown
5	00/	BRIGADIER HAWK D Jermy 7-11-0	G Old
6	0040-	FUEGO BOY D Barons 5-11-0	R Dunwoody
7	0-00-	GAMBLING BOY Mrs E Kennard 5-11-0	P Richards
8		HOLEMOOR PATROL L Kennard 5-11-0	B Powell
9	2240	LIBERTY WALK F Gray 6-11-0	E Murphy 7
10	0-	LUCKY CHARLIE F Winter 5-11-0	J Duggan
11	4-00u	MIDDLIN THRANG D R Tucker 7-11-0	S McNeill
12	0420	PINING (BF) K Bailey 6-11-0	P Croucher
19	f0-33	HODNET Mrs N Smith 4-10-12	S Shilston
20	0p0-3	JETS FRIPON (B) A Barrow 4-10-12	R Hoare
22	2302	MAJUBA HILL (B) M Pipe 4-10-12	P Leach
29		BUSH RADIO R Frost 4-10-7	J Frost

1984: Kitty Come Home 4-10-5 S McNeill (11-4 fav) D R Tucker 15 ran.

2 Hodnet, 7-2 Fabulous Dance, 5 Lucky Charlie, 6 Fuego Bay, Bowdens Lane, 8 Majuba Hill, 10 Liberty Walk, 12 others.

4.30 BBC RADIO CORNWALL HANDICAP CHASE (£1,760: 2m 1f) (9)

1	2441-	INTEGRATION (CD) E Retter 11-12-0	A Jones 4
5	24-14	NORTH YARD (CD) (BF) P Hobbs 9-11-3	Philip Hobbs
7	p0-31	HEVER (B) M Pipe 10-10-10	P Leach
8	0133	CROWN LAND (CD) J Jenkins 10-10-9	S Sherwood
10	4-022	LOCHRUN (BF) Mrs J Pitman 6-10-5	B de Haan
12	2-311	RING-LOU (B) (CD) J Edwards 10-10-2	P Barton
17	1f00-	PRINCELY LAD M Tate 7-10-0	P Scudamore
21	0u0-p	BARNABY RUDGE M Saleman 7-10-0	M Bastard
22	3424	BOYNE HILL (CD) R Hodges 9-10-0	P Dever

1984: Miners Song 8-10-12 C Cox (14-1) S Pattemore 9 ran.

5-2 Ring-Lou, 7-2 Lochrun, 4 North Yard, 11-2 Hever, 7 Crown Land, 10 Integration, 14 others.

Leicester results

Going Firm

2.15 (7f) 1, FLOATING ASSET (J Mercer, 20-1); 2, Kudz (S Cauthen, 4-6 fav); 3, Dogmatic (Pat Eddery, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Golden Anocona (5th), 12 Bon Accuel (4th), 14 Ganoon (6th), 25 Black Comedy, 33 Auction Man, Beau Mirage, Better Than Most, Doing My Best, Faraway Lad, First Division, Hoka Hey, Mr Coffey, Paul Jay, Tebrao, Unexplained. 18 ran. NR: Scavordale Nk, 1½l, 4l, 2½l, 2. P Walwyn at Lambourn. TOTE: £27.20; £5.50, £1.10, £1.60. DF: £21.80. CSF: £35.96.

2.45 (1m) 1, CAMERION (G Carter, 10-1); 2, Avalon Lass (S Cauthen, 9-1); 3, Manor (C Rutter, 14-1); 4, Herb Robert D Gibson, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Miss Comedy, 6 Royalty Fair, 13-2 Young Lucy, 7 Blue Cedar, 12 Master Mosses, Betty Ann, Rachel's Prince (5th), 20 Tizan King (6th), 25 Dalby Girl, 33 Parisian Miss, Jultown Lad, Atusos, Folly Again. 17 ran. ¾l, ¾l, 1½l, ½l, ¾l. E Eldin at Newmarket. TOTE: £14.70; £2.10, £3.30, 3.40, £2.70. DF: £78.40. CSF: £91.48. Tricast: £1,148.83. No bid.

3.15 (1m) 1, ROYAL HARMONY (B Thomson, 11-10 fav); 2, Elegant Fashion (P Cook, 33-1); 3, No Credibility (D Gibson, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 Sharp Noble (5th), 8 Bassim (4th), 25 Gorgeous Princess (6th), 50 Generation Gap, 100 Benny's Eyes. 8 ran. 6l, ½l, ½l, ½l, 5l. B Hills at Lambourn. TOTE: £2.10; £1.10, £2.40, £1.90. DF: £33.40. CSF: £28.44.

3.45 (1m 4f) 1, SUGAR PALM (S Cauthen, 9-1); 2, Hyokin (J Matthias, 16-1); 3, Wessex (P Cook, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Swift Ascent (4th), 13-2 King of Naples, Rimth, 11 Eerily Heath (6th), Pelegrin, 13 Sound Diffusion, 14 Dalsaam, Milton Burn, 20 Another Angus, Deerfield Beach, 25 Sunapa's Owlet, Railroad Lady, 33 Griffleeds, Smack, Lucky Pin, Cur Chicklette, Miss Blackthorn (5th). 20 ran. NR: Panny Red, Topsail. Hd, 1½l, 1l, ½l, 1½l. R Hannon at Marlborough. TOTE: £12.20; £3.20, £5.30, £4.80. DF: £190.90. CSF: £152.46.

4.15 (6f) 1, ROYSIA BOY (G Duffield, 4-1 fav); 2, Moninsky (L Charnock, 33-1); 3, Shades of Blue (N Adams, 25-1); 4, Playtex (G Carter, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Pharlou, 10 Tobous, Royaam (6th), 11 Hopeful Kane, 12 Erem, 14 Pokerfayes, 16 Busny Top, 20 Pink Blossoms (5th), Out of Hand, 25 Bay Presto, Single Hand, 33 Delaware River, Fawley's Girl, Fiestas Day, Gentle Star, Tame Duchess, No Bello, Hunching, Gunner Royal. 23 ran. 1½l, 2l, ½l, ½l. G Pritchard-Gordon at Newmarket. TOTE: £5.60; £1.10, £9.00, £5.90, £2.90. DF: £170.40. CSF: £135.76. TRICAST: £2,598.31.

4.45 (7f) 1, BARCLAY STREET (N Day, 7-1); 2, Pokey's Pride (R Cochrane, 10-1); 3, Free Hand (S Cauthen, 5-2 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 5-2 jt-fav Sooty, 7-2 Country Gentleman (6th), 14 Bussola, 20 Out of Stock (5th), 33 Golden Croft, Nonstock, Pellinko, Quicken the Bid (4th), Shake the King, Spring Flight. 13 ran. NR: Currineux, Saalib. ½l, 1l, 6l, 1l, nk. Mrs C Peasley at Newmarket. TOTE: £5.80; £1.40, £1.60, £1.60. DF: £47.40. CSF: £69.12.

Placepot: £181.95

SANDOWN PARK

Going: firm

Draw advantage: high numbers best.

2.0 HAPPY VALLEY APPRENTICE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-y-o: £2,180: 5f) (9 runners)

103	010324	QUARRYVILLE (D) (A Reynolds) K Brassey 9-7	S Whitworth	8
104	0321	MUDISHA (D) (B Hamoud) G Huffer 9-2	G Carter	1
105	001424	LYDIA LANGUISH (Mrs M Davis) R Hannon 8-11	L Jones	3
108	231003	BUSY LOUIE (B) (D) (Mrs V Lewis) G Lewis 8-8	J Crowden 7	4
110	0033	TIPPLE TIME (Lord McAlpine) D Morley 8-5	W Woods	2
111	022001	SHIVERING COLD (B) (W Haggas) W Jarvis 8-0	C Rutter	9
113	000310	LIGHT HILLS (D) (W Barnett) D Elsworth 7-10	S Dawson	7
114	003201	PERCIPIO (R Long) K Ivory 7-8	A Shoults	5
116	00004	ARDENT PARTNER (H Dean) R Simpson 7-7	K Radcliffe 3	6

1984: Mcmurea 9-8 K Bradshaw (2-1 jt fav) M Stoute 8 ran.

9-4 Mudisha, 3 Lydia Languish, 9-2 Quarryville, 6 Busy Louie, 8 Tipple Time, 10 Light Hills, 12 Shivering Cold, 14 others.

FORM: QUARRYVILLE 4th to Cyrano de Bergerac at Newbury on Saturday, earlier (9-7) ¾l 2nd to Dancing Sarah (8-2) with BUSY LOUIE (8-12) ¾l back in 3rd (Chepstow, 5f, £1,316, good, Sep 14, 8 ran). MUDISHA (8-11) 2l winner from Bambolona (8-11) at Redcar (6f, £1,283, good, July 31, 8 ran). LYDIA LANGUISH (8-0) 3l 4th to Merrymoles (8-2) with LIGHT HILLS (8-2) never nearer than when 5l further back in 7th of the 15 runners at Salisbury (6f, £3,400, good, Sep 11). TIPPLE TIME (8-11) 4l 3rd to Exclusive Cat (8-11) at Windsor (5f, £641, good, Aug 12, 9 ran). SHIVERING COLD (9-11) beat Ships Officer (8-11) 3l at Ripon (6f, £1,380, good, Aug 31, 24 ran).
Selection: BUSY LOUIE

Sandown selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Mudisha. 2.30 SCOUTSMISTAKE (nap). 3.5 All Agreed. 3.35 In the Shade. 4.5 Queen's Soldier. 4.35 Tiber Creek.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.0 Mudisha. 2.30 Reindeer Walk. 3.5 All Agreed. 3.35 Split Image. 4.5 Queen's Soldier. 4.35 Norfolk Flyer.

By Michael Seely

2.0 Mudisha. 3.5 All Agreed. 3.35 IN THE SHADE (nap).

2.30 BAY MEADOWS MILE LIMITED HANDICAP (£2,509: 1m) (10)

201	012003	WIKI WIKI WHEELS (CD) (P Savill) R Sheather 5-10-0	G Dettori (It)	5
202	020010	STAR OF A GUNNER (D) (J Neville) R Holder 5-9-9	W R Swinburn	2
203	203	HOOLIGAN (B) (D) (H Marsh) P Rohan 5-9-9	S Cauthen	4
204	1300-0	KARKAN (D) (Prince A Salman) G Harwood 4-9-8	B Thomson (Aus)	1
205	210200	SCOUTSMISTAKE (D) (Mrs G Hallett) B McMahon 6-9-7	Pat Eddery	10
206	041100	REINDEER WALK (Reindeer Antiques) G Huffer 3-9-5	L Piggott	5
207	1140 00	VALERIO (D) (R Cuppaj) O Sherwood 5-9-6	S Masuzawa (Japan)	8
208	333430	ASSWAN (D) (Sultan Adham) J Hindley 5-9-4	Y Saint-Martin (Fr)	7
209	002104	PARIS MATCH (D) (J Pearce) M Stoute 3-9-2	E Maple (US)	9
210	001130	HAPPY HOUSE (B) (BF) (E Moller) G Wragg 3-9-1	J Mercer	3
RESERVES:				
R1	210023	PENNIES TO POUNDS (Mrs T Stack) G Lewis 3-9-0		
R2	100102	CONMAYJO (J Gaddis) D Haydn Jones 4-9-0		

1984: no corresponding race

3 Happy House, 7-2 Hooligan, 4 Wiki Wiki Wheels, 6 Scoutsmistake, 8 Star Of A Gunner, 12 Reindeer Walk, Paris Match, 12 Karkan, 16 Asswan, 25 Valerio

FORM: ASSWAN (8-8) 1½l 3rd to Telaash (8-9) with WIKI WIKI WHEELS (9-5) 2l further back in 4th (ASSWAN disqualified and WIKI WIKI WHEELS placed 3rd) at Brighton (7f, £3,563, firm, Sep 19, 13 ran). HAPPY HOUSE (8-12) 7½l 5th to Grand Harbour (9-3) at Chester with SCOUTSMISTAKE (9-6) 1l away 6th and HOOLIGAN (9-7) 1½l further back in 8th (7f, £4,545, good, Sep 14, 14 ran). PARIS MATCH 4th to Frax at Pontefract; earlier (8-11) beat Empaparedo (8-9) 1l at Beverley (1m, £5,017, firm, Jul 5, 10 ran)
Selection: HOOLIGAN.

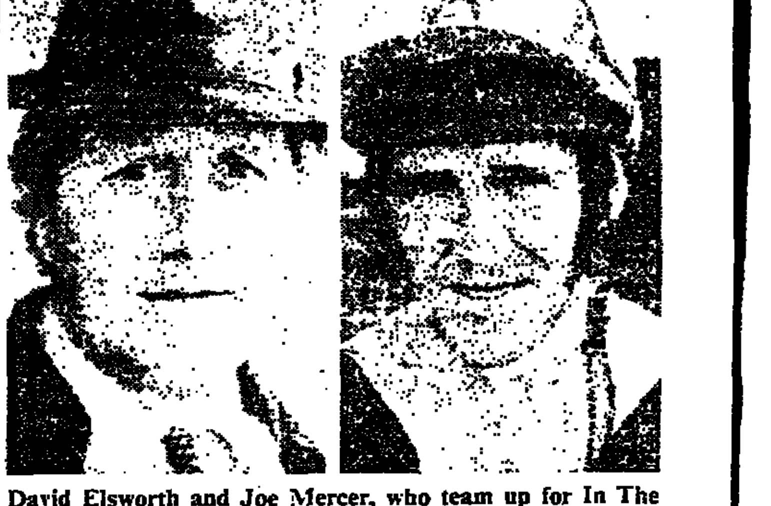
3.5 TOKYO SPRINT LIMITED HANDICAP (£2,497: 5f) (10)

301	201010	MANIMSTAR (S Brewer) P Makin 5-10-0	J Mercer	10
302	100044	KIESERITSKY (D) (BF) (S Hsu) R Armstrong 3-9-13	Pat Eddery	2
303	430024	CREE BAY (D) (D Spencer) J Spearing 6-9-9	G Dettori (It)	1
304	001001	ALL AGREED (CD) (T Waterman) J Winter 4-9-4	L Piggott	8
305	000301	SINGING SAILOR (Intergroup Holdings) R Hannon 6-9-3	W R Swinburn	9
306	020430	FERRYMAN (CD) (W Plummer) D Elsworth 9-9-2	Y Saint-Martin (Fr)	4
307	040030	PHILIP (D) (D Manley) N Tinkler 3-9-0	S Masuzawa (Japan)	[illegible]
308	010	RAFFLE (T Holland-Martin) D Arbuthnot 2-8-13	S Cauthen	[illegible]
309	200030	LITTLE STARCHY (D) (J Fletcher) G Gracey 7-8-12	B Thomson (Aus)	5
310	012120	LAURIE LORMAN (D) (BF) (A J Bingley Ltd) M McCourt [illegible]	E Maple (US)	7
RESERVES:				
R1	021023	WOODFOLD (CD) (Mrs J Redmond) J Winter 4-8-9		
R2	222340	MEESON KING (D) (J Wilcox) B McMahon 4-8-9		

1984: no corresponding race

7-2 All Agreed, 4 Singing Sailor, 5 Ferryman, 6 Kieseritsky, 8 Cree Bay, 10 Philip, Manimstar, 12 Laurie Lorman, 16 Raffle, 20 Little Starchy.

FORM: MANIMSTAR well beaten behind Valley Mills at York last time, previously (9-4) beat Jeanne Avril (9-3) ½l at Newmarket (5f, £5,049, good, Aug 2, 10 ran). ALL AGREED (9-0) beat Bold Fort (8-13) short head at Beverley (5f, £3,915, good, Aug 29, 11 ran). SINGING SAILOR (9-3) beat Rambling River (8-10) 2½l at Haydock (5f, £2,485, soft, Sept 6, 12 ran). RAFFLE 6th to Soon To Be last time, previously (8-11) beat Alafiah (8-11) 6l at Bath (5f 167yds, £1,284, soft, July 29, 16 ran). PHILIP behind Camps Heath in Ayr Gold Cup last time, previously (8-13) 2l 2nd of 10 to La Tuerta at York (5f, £8,435, good to soft, Aug 21). SINGING SAILOR (9-9) beat LITTLE STARCHY (9-9) ½l at Brighton (6f, £2,561, good, May 9, 11 ran). LAURIE NORMAN best recent effort when (9-0) 1½l 2nd of 11 to Davill (8-2) at Sandown (5f, £3,047, good to firm, Aug 30).
Selection: SINGING SAILOR.



David Elsworth and Joe Mercer, who team up for In The Shade (3.35) at Sandown Park

3.35 FLEMINGTON STAYERS LIMITED HANDICAP (£2,509: 1m 6f) (10)

401	0-00000	ROUGH PEARL (B) (D) (Marshall Racing) G Lewis 4-10-0	S Cauthen	1
402	131003	IN THE SHADE (CD) (C Harper) D Elsworth 4-9-9	J Mercer	5
403	21-233	VERDANCE (BF) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 3-9-3	W R Swinburn	8
404	10-4440	ROUGH STONES (B) (Bernstein Hounsfield) K Brassey 4-9-1	L Piggott	4
405	014311	SPLIT IMAGE (D) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Hindley 3-8-11	S Masuzawa (Japan)	9
406	322440	FOLLY HILL (C) (Mrs P Garner) J Jenkins 5-8-11	Pat Eddery	10
407	203330	VITAL BOY (B) (CD) (BF) (I Thoday) J Winter 4-8-9	G Dettori (It)	3
408	443223	LEINSTER LAD (BF) (Comdr H Grenfell) J Dunlop 3-8-5	E Maple (US)	6
409	431	DON'T RING ME (C Tateson) W Hastings-Bass 3-8-4	B Thomson (Aus)	7
410	300133	CADMIUM (CD) (Gurung Stud Ltd) P Cole 3-8-13	Y Saint-Martin (Fr)	2
RESERVES:				
R1	0-00000	LIBRATE (S Mautes) J Bradley 4-8-0		
R2	230131	PEGGY CAROLYN (D) (A O'Reilly) M Ryan 3-7-13		

1984: no corresponding race.

3 Split Image, 4 In The Shade, 5 Verdance, 6 Cadmium, 8 Don't Ring Me, 10 Leinster Lad, 12 Rough Stones, 14 Rough Pearl, 16 Vital Boy, 20 Folly Hill.

FORM: ROUGH PEARL well beaten in all stars this year, best form last season when (9-2) 1½l winner from Spicy Story (9-2) in Italian St Leger at San Siro (1m 6f, £18,529, good, Sept 30, 8 ran). IN THE SHADE (9-2) 6l 3rd to Eastern Mystic (8-10) at Doncaster (1m 6f, £18,455, good, Sept 11, 14 ran). VERDANCE (9-6) 3l 2nd to Inde Pulse (9-4) at Chepstow (2m, £1,286, good, June 29, 5 ran). ROUGH STONES unplaced behind Sneak Preview at Wolverhampton last time, before that (10-0) 3½l 4th to Parang (8-0) at Bath (1m 5f, £2,589, soft, Sep 4, 14 ran). SPLIT IMAGE (9-7) 2½l winner from Stan The Man (9-5) at Yarmouth (2m 2f, £2,427, good to firm, Sept 19, 7 ran). VITAL BOY unplaced in race won by Trapeze Artist at Newmarket last time, prior to that (8-2) 3½l 3rd to Khozdar (8-7) at same course (1m 4f, £11,198, good, Aug 10, 12 ran).
Selection: VITAL BOY.

4.05 SANDOWN STAKES (2-y-o: £3,689: 7f) (9)

502	013110	ANBAAL (D) (BF) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-1	K Sinclair 7	2
503	13	QUEEN'S SOLDIER (D) (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-1	Paul Eddery	9
509	8	HARMONY BOWL (K Choo) M Jarvis 8-11	R Guest	5
510	00	KYRENIA HARBOUR (G Eliadesi) R Armstrong 8-11	G Sexton	3
517	00	TOUR VIEILLE (Mrs A Reid) R Armstrong 8-11	G Baxter	4
518	30	PILFER (Lord Tavistock) W Jarvis 8-8	J Mercer	1
520		FLEUR DE THISTLE (C Ennis) A Davison 8-7	–	7
521		RESCUE PACKAGE (Marshall Racing) G Lewis 8-7	P Waldron	2
522		SWALLOW TIME (Sheikh Mohammed) J Ciechanowski 8-7	R Street	6

1984: (Granby Stks) Tom Boat 9-4 L Piggott (10-1) R Armstrong 15 ran.

6-4 Queen's Soldier, 3 Anbaal, 6 Harmony Bowl, 8 Pilfer, 10 Swallow Time, 12 Rescue Package, 14 others.

FORM: ANBAAL unplaced behind Common Farm at Beverley on latest outing; previously (9-6) a neck winner from Open Hero (8-11) at Wolverhampton (7f, £971, good, Aug 5, 16 ran). QUEENS SOLDIER (8-11) 5l 3rd to Jewelled Reef (8-7) at Newmarket (1m, £8,090, good, Aug 24, 8 ran). HARMONY BOWL (9-0) 8½l 5th to Manton Dan (9-0) at Goodwood (6f, £1,273, good, Sept 13, 20 ran). PILFER 5th to Midway Lady (8-11) at Yarmouth last time out; on only previous start (8-11) ½l 3rd to Nervous Ride (9-0) at Newmarket (7f, £4,250, good, Aug 9, 17 ran).
Selection: QUEENS SOLDIER.

4.35 MEADOWLANDS MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-y-o: £1,951: 1m 2f) (12)

601	004003	ALSIBA (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 8-11	B Rouse	1
602	0	ASSISI (D Johnson) J Tree 8-11	S Raymont	2
604	320400	FORGIVING (R Denton) D Laing 8-11	R Curant	3
607	300000	HUNDY MUNDY (Lord Brinning) D Arbuthnot 8-11	R Fox	5
608	2-20000	IMPRESSIVE REWARD (B) (S Vanan) P Kelleway 8-11	Gay Kelleway 5	8
611	032	LEVIGATUS (Duke of Devonshire) J Toller 8-11	N Day	7
612	20	MOOD FOR LOVE (Momentuco Ltd) E Eldin 8-11	G Carter 5	12
614	3	NORFOLK FLYER (BF) (Sir P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 8-11	Paul Eddery	10
619	00	STAR ABOVE (Mrs G Bronfman) L Cumani 8-11	R Guest	6
620	0	STARDYN (M Kentish) P Mitchell 8-11	R McGhin	9
621	2-20343	TIBER CREEK (P Mellon) I Balding 8-11	J Matthias	11
623	044-002	TIP-TAP (Sir H Moore) F Durr 8-11	G Baxter	4

1984: Ghislaine 8-11 G Starkey (9-4) G Harwood 12 ran.

9-4 Norfolk Flyer, 11-4 Tiber Creek, 9-2 Assisi, 6 Star Above, 8 Tip-Tap, 12 Alsiba, 16 others.

FORM: ALSIBA (8-11) 2l 3rd of 14 to Crinoline (8-11) at Folkestone (1m 4f, £740, good to firm, Sep 10) with MOOD FOR LOVE (8-11) ½l back in 6th. ASSISI (8-11) 6½l 5th of 21 in Newbury maiden (7f, £2,917, good, April 20). FORGIVING (8-11) best effort short head 2nd to Razool (9-0) at Windsor (1m 2f, £1,176, good, July 22, 12 ran). LEVIGATUS (8-11) 1½l 2nd of 12 to In Perpetuity (8-11) at Salisbury (1m 2f, £1,098, good to firm, Sep 12). NORFOLK FLYER (8-11) 5½l 3rd of 12 to Marrah (8-11) at Salisbury (1m 2f, £1,104, good to firm, Sep 12) with FORGIVING (8-11) 7l further back in 5th, and STAR ABOVE (8-11) another 1½l away in 6th. TIBER CREEK (8-8) 3rd to TREMULOUS (8-11) at Newbury last Friday (1m 2f, £3,164), good, Sep 20, 10 ran). TIP-TAP (8-11) 4l 2nd of 13 to Al-Aabe (9-0) at Salisbury (1m, £1,341, good, Sep 11).
Selection: TIBER CREEK.

Sedgefield

2.00 (2m 4f hdle) 1, KINDRED (Jayne Thompson, 5-2 fav); 2, Carlingford Bay (D Hood, 5-1); 3, Mosquito River (C Richmond, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Run For Port (4th), 9-2 Collaroy, 10 Micky Tim (5th), 33 Lund Head Lady (6th), Nobleu. 8 ran. ½l, ¾l, 5l, 20l, 2l. Ron Thompson at Doncaster. TOTE: £2.80; £1.00, £1.80, £3.30. DF: £4.50. CSF: £13.79. No bid.

2.30 (2m) 1, GENNARO (G Bradley, 9-4 fav); 2, Draw the Line (P Scudamore, 4-1); 3, Campus Boy (H Davies, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Excavator Lady (5th), 13-2 Val Climber (4th), 8 The Processor. 6 ran. NR: Roseman. 4l, 4l, 3l, 2l, 25l. M Naughton at Richmond. TOTE: £3.00; £1.20, £2.30. DF: £6.60. CSF: £10.83.

3.00 (2m 4f hdle) 1, OUR LOUISE (Mr T Reed, 2-1 fav); 2, Cleodoe Star (Mr P Niven, 9-2); 3, Thorbell Arch (S Charlton, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Mr Denstop, 7 Ida's Delight, 10 Tabriz Gold (pu), 11 ATS Prince, 14 Thelmas Secret (6th), 16 Run in Tune (5th), 20 Laugh-A-Minute (4th), Picket Line, 25 Little Mittens, 33 Beau Brigg. 13 ran. NR: Prince Santiego. 8l, 4l, 4l, 2l, nk. A Scott at Alnwick. TOTE: £2.90; £1.50, £1.80, £3.30. DF: £3.50. CSF: £12.30. TRICAST: £100.91

3.30 (2m ch) 1, RIVERS EDGE (C Grant, 8-11 fav); 2, Dawn River (C Hawkins, 85-40); 3, Shidstar Buyabox (B Storey, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 16 Major Rock (ur), Sweet Stream (5th), 20 Mossy Cones (4th), 33 Scottish Highway, 50 Madmark, Right Charlie (6th), Watersfown (pu), East Park. 11 ran. 1½l, 10l, 20l, 3l, 5l. Denys Smith at Bishop Auckland. TOTE: £1.50; £1.00, £1.20, £2.10. DF: £2.10. CSF: £2.88.

4.00 (3m 600yd) 1, POLLY'S PAL (P Scudamore, 5-1); 2, Stop It (S Smith Eccles, 9-4 jt-fav); 3, Chef Marcel (P Tuck, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 9-4 jt-fav Welfare (4th), 12 Brockhurst Lad (5th), 50 Royal Camlit (pu). 6 ran. NR: Arsum. 3l, 5l, 4l, 25l. S Payne at Carlisle. TOTE: £5.80; £2.20, £1.60. DF: £9.00. CSF: £16.32

4.30 (2m ch) 1, SAINT-MUNN (R Earnshaw, 7-1); 2, Sir Badsworth (M Brisbourne, 11-4 jt-fav); 3, Burglars Walk (C Grant, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 jt fav Abalight (5th); 6 Villerstown (6th), 16 Even Melody, 20 Law Venture (4th). 7 ran. 3l, 1l, hd, 6l, 5l. Mrs D Culham at Dumfries. TOTE: £5.60; £2.70, £2.50. DF: £8.60. CSF: £24.31.

5.0 (2m) 1, WISE CRACKER (J Hansen, 5-1); 2, Tax Code (C Hawkins, 14-1); 3, Empirio (S Charlton, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Gods Law (6th), 9-2 Another Moss (pu), 10 Sea Script (5th), 14 Jody's Boy, Narboro Boy, 16 Gan on Land, 25 Moonlighting (4th), 33 Gibbon, Gindango, Daukus, Rapid Return, Boston Lad, Irish Clipper (pu), Irish Clipper (pu), Scoop the Kitty (f). 17 ran. NR: Ben Jarrow. 8l, 1½l, hd, 1½l, 3l. G Richards at Greystoke. TOTE: £8.50; £2.50, £3.70, £4.20. DF: £173.60. CSF: £72.25.

Placepot: £7.55.

European Law Report

Court of Justice of the European Communities

No withdrawal of right-hand drive cars from German dealers

Ford Werke AG and Ford of Europe Inc v Commission (Bureau Européen des Unions Consommateurs intervening)

Joined Cases 25 and 26/84

Before Lord Mackenzie Stuart, President, and Judges G. Bosco, O. Due, C. Kakouris, P. Pescatore, T. Koopmans, U. Everling, K. Bahlmann and R. Joliet

Advocate General Sir Gordon Slynn

[Judgment delivered 17 September]

The Commission was entitled to refuse to grant an exemption under article 85 (3) of the EEC Treaty in respect of the Ford Main Dealer Agreement ("MDA") as a result of the discontinuance of deliveries of right-hand drive cars by Ford AG to its German dealers.

Ford of Europe (Case 26/84) coordinated the economic activity of European subsidiaries of the Ford Motor Company. Ford AG (Case 25/84) was incorporated under German law and manufactured Ford vehicles in the Federal Republic of Germany, some of which were sold by it on the German market and the remainder of which were exported, in particular to certain member states where they were marketed by other companies of the Ford group. A large proportion of Ford AG's production was sold directly to Ford Motor Company Ltd ("Ford Britain") in the UK with a view to it being marketed there by the latter which has established its own sales programme and distribution network. Consequently Ford AG produced both left-hand drive and right-hand drive cars on a regular basis.

In Germany Ford AG had established a selective distribution system based on a MDA binding it to its German distributors. That agreement was notified to the Commission and Ford AG requested negative clearance for it under article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 17/62 of February 6, 1962 or, in the alternative an exemption under article 85(3) of the Treaty.

Since spring of 1981 there had been a great increase in demand for right-hand drive cars on the German market because prices were considerably lower than those on the British market, partly as the result of monetary fluctuations, and therefore a growing number of British customers were buying those vehicles from German dealers. Concerned about the effects of such sales on Ford Britain and its distribution network Ford AG notified the German dealers by a circular dated April 27 1982 that, with effect from May 1, it would no longer accept their orders for right-hand drive cars.

As a result of a complaint by the Bureau Européen des Unions Consommateurs ("B.E.U.C.") about that circular, the Commission adopted, on August 18, 1982, a decision containing interim measures which required Ford to withdraw its circular and to inform its German Ford dealers that right-hand drive cars still formed part of Ford AG's agreed delivery range. That decision was declared void by the court in its judgment in *Ford v Commission (cases 228 and 229/82)* [1984] ECR 1129). On November 16, 1983, the Commission adopted the definitive decision which was the subject of the present case. That decision stated that Ford AG's MDA restricted competition and affected trade between member states in the sense of article 85 (1) of the Treaty. It refused to grant an exemption pursuant to article 85 (3) for that agreement as applied by Ford since May 1, 1982, the date on which Ford's circular of April 27, 1982 came into force.

In the statement of reasons on which its decision was based, the Commission indicated that the decision related to the MDA only as operated by Ford AG since May 1, 1982 in that from that date Ford AG no longer supplied right-hand drive vehicles to its German dealers. That termination of deliveries was taken into account in applying article 85 of the Treaty even though it was not directly caused by the agreement because the Commission had to consider an agreement in the economic context in which it had been applied. The applicants applied for a declaration that the Commission Decision No 83/560/EEC of November 6, 1983 (O.J. No L 327, p.31) was void.

In its judgment the Court of Justice of the European Communities held a follows:

The applicants claimed that the necessity, in the automobile industry, to have recourse to a system of selective distribution had been recognized by the commission. The Ford MDA was no more restrictive of competition than any other distribution system in the automobile industry. Thus the Commission would have been willing to exempt the agreement on the basis of article 85 (3) of the Treaty, from the application of article 85 (1), were it not for the fact that it wished to restore sales of right-hand drive Ford cars on the German market. According to the applicants, the circular of April 27, 1982 and the discontinuance of sales of right-hand drive cars to German dealers announced therein were of a unilateral nature. However a unilateral act could not be included among the agreements, decisions and concerted practices prohibited by article 85.

The Commission claimed that the decision to grant or refuse an exemption under article 85 (3) had to be adopted in the light of the entire economic and legal context in which the agreement had operated. The behaviour of an undertaking whose relationship to its dealers is based on a system of selective distribution was part of that context. The Ford AG MDA and the relationship which it created were the context in which the circular letter of April 27, 1982 was sent. The circular was exclusively addressed to dealers who were parties to the German MDA and the Ford cars which dealers were entitled to obtain under article 2 of that agreement included right-hand drive cars. The circular thus altered the relationship between Ford AG and its dealers. B.E.U.C. observed that, after deliveries of right-hand drive cars to German dealers had been discontinued, the MDA became an instrument by which Ford AG prevented parallel imports of right-hand cars into the British market thus maintaining the high level of British prices and consequently depriving consumers of the advantages which the Common Market ought to afford them.

It had to be observed in this regard that agreements which constituted a selective distribution system and which, as in this case, sought to maintain a specialized trade capable of providing specific services for high technology products for a certain number of years.

Because technological developments were not always foreseeable over such a period of time, those agreements necessarily had to leave certain matters to be decided later by the manufacturer. As B.E.U.C. rightly pointed out, it was precisely such later decisions that were provided for in Ford AG's MDA as far as the models to be delivered under the terms of that agreement were concerned.

Such a decision on the part of the manufacturer did not constitute, on the part of the undertaking, a unilateral act which, as the applicants claimed, would be exempt from the prohibition contained in article 85 (1) of the Treaty. On the contrary, it formed part of the contractual relations between the undertaking and its dealers. Indeed, admission to the Ford AG dealer network implied acceptance by the contracting parties of the policy pursued by Ford with regard to the models to be delivered to the German market. Consequently, the applicants' argument based on the unilateral nature of the withdrawal of right-hand drive cars from Ford AG's model range had to be rejected.

Certain other circumstances of fact, which were mentioned in the contested decision, were sufficient to show that the decision to discontinue supplies of right-hand drive cars was not made in any contractual context other than that of the MDA.

It followed that the Commission was entitled, during its examination of the MDA with a view to the possibility of granting an exemption in respect of it under article 85 (3) of the Treaty, to take account of the discontinuance of deliveries of right-hand drive cars by Ford AG to its German dealers.

The other submissions relied upon by the applicants, namely, incorrect reasoning of the contested decision, misuse of powers, breach of the principle of legal certainty, and inadequacies in the statement of the reasons on which the decision was based were also rejected.

On those grounds, the court dismissed the applications and ordered the applicants to pay the costs and the intervener to pay its own costs.

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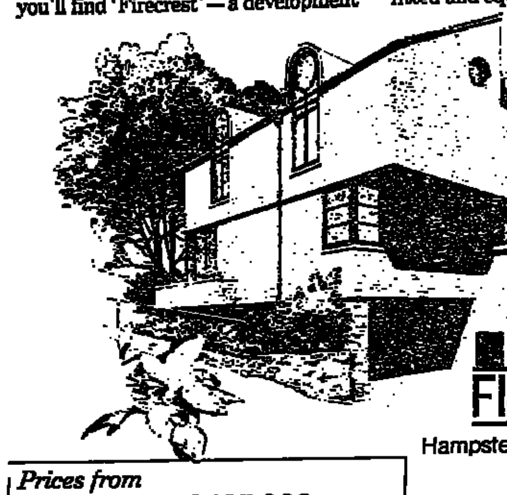

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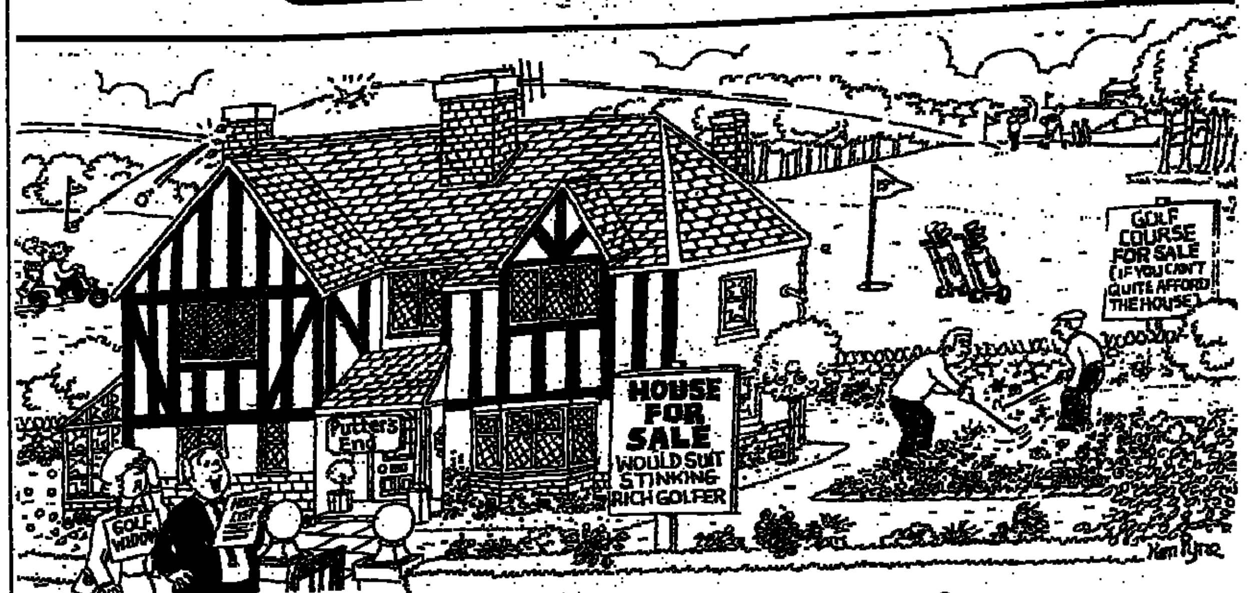

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Tee off for a home in one

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

Britain and Europe's victory in the Ryder Cup has focused attention on the ancient game of golf, and could well lead to an increase in its popularity.

The building of more than 700 new courses in the past seven years is testimony to its recent progress. Not surprisingly, property adjoining or near golf courses has a particular and attractive place in the property market.

Such houses, especially those surrounding the more rural courses, are likely to be expensive, from £175,000 upwards; in fact, it is possible to buy a golf course for about the same price as a house looking on to it.

There is a proliferation of courses in Surrey. Cubitt and West's Guildford office, for example, has around 20 which, if they are not quite reached with a drive and an iron, are certainly within striking distance. John Hill, the firm's partner in charge of country houses, says there is a premium for property around golf courses, partly because of the needs of the keen golfer, but also because of the protection of the environment that such land brings. Of course, they and other courses in the home counties are in prime commuter areas.

A small number in pine woodlands

The agents have two properties for sale in Wheatsheaf Enclosure, adjoining Liphook Golf Club, Hampshire, where a small number of individual properties are set in large grounds among pine woodlands. The estate roads are entirely private, maintained jointly by the residents and the golf club, providing a high degree of privacy and protection against further development.

Wealden, a single-storey house in a acre, has a sitting room and dining room which can be opened up to make a 37ft room, with a principal bedroom suite and four further bedrooms. The bedroom area is separated from the living accommodation, and there is an annexe, again separate. Around £225,000 is sought.

Nearby, Strathiel, also single-storey, has three bedrooms and two reception rooms, built 26 years ago and set in 2½ acres. The asking price is £160,000.

Many of the houses in these secluded parts are modern. Somewhat older is The Grange, Hook Heath, Woking, Surrey, close to Woking golf course, an Edwardian house whose main portion, with a self-contained flat, is for sale through Cubitt and West for around £185,000. In a private road, the house has three bedrooms and three reception rooms, and the flat could easily be brought back into the main house.

Also at Hook Heath, the same agents are asking around £179,500 for Tudor Lodge, The Drive, a five-bedroom house with half an acre, built in 1979. Woking is nearby, and West Hill and Worplesdon are within two miles.

Gascoigne-Pees' offices at Weybridge, Esher and West Byfleet have several properties near golf courses on their books. Westcroft at Clare Hill in Esher, goes one better, for as one of the original houses built in Clare Hill, it has automatic membership rights to the privately owned nine-hole golf course, for which the annual fee is about £70. The house has five bedrooms, three reception rooms and a heated swimming pool in one acre. The asking price is £310,000.

The same firm are asking £575,000 for Rodona, on the exclusive St George's Hill estate, Weybridge, which has its own golf, tennis and squash clubs. Occupying one of the highest positions with fine views, it is set in nearly two acres.

More expensive is Lennoxwood at Windlesham, Surrey, built in 1914 and overlooking the old championship course at Sunningdale. The house, with four or five reception rooms, five or six bedrooms, a two-bedroom annexe, swimming pool and tennis court in more than two acres, is for sale through Knight Frank and Rutley's Ascot office at about £650,000.

Prices further away from London are generally lower. The Shrewsbury office of Knight Frank and Rutley is seeking £125,000-plus for Pin High, on the edge of Hawkstone golf course, by the village of Hawkstone where Sandy Lyle, the Open Champion, was brought up. The modern house, with splendid views over the course, has a master bedroom suite and two further bedrooms, with a billiard room which could form two more bedrooms.

In Scotland, cradle of the game, the same agents' Edinburgh office has two properties for sale. The Roundel, at Gullane, East Lothian, adjoins Gullane Links, which has the championship course of Muirfield, and is a late 19th-century house with three reception rooms and five bedrooms in one acre, for which more than £140,000 is asked.

Modern flat overlooking Gleneagles course

Also on offer is a modern flat overlooking the 14th hole of the Glendevon course at Gleneagles Hotel, which is for sale fully furnished, including antiques, at £50,000-plus.

Back in London, Sturgis and Son report interest in properties near to golf course. Among their properties is Courtleigh, The Fairways, New Malden, built in the mid-1930s on the Coombe House estate close to the Coombe Hill and Malden courses. The four-bedroom house has a 100ft garden and is for sale at £250,000.

There is, too, that new development in London – Dulwich Gate, Dulwich Common – where Barratt are building 23 houses from £300,000 upwards. One of the considerations which led the Prime Minister and golfer Denis Thatcher to reserve a house there may well be it looks over the fairways of Dulwich Golf Club.

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Tudor to its heart of oak

■ Rowney Corner Farm House, is a fine Tudor farmhouse at Wimbish, near Saffron Walden, Essex. It is a Grade II listed building, and apart from Georgian alterations, remains largely unchanged from the day it was built – its only amenity is a sink.

Sworders of Saffron Walden are to sell the house by auction on October 22, unless privately sold. They are hoping for £85,000 to £100,000. The house, looking over countryside, is of traditional Essex construction, with a massive oak frame and tiled roof. Its original features include jetted storeys, elm doors and floors and say Sworders, a fine crown post waiting to be revealed – an undiscovered house, its originality dramatic."

The house is surrounded by garden, including two ponds, and there are several old timber and partly thatched outbuildings.

■ **Sir Roger Bannister, the first four-minute miler who is now to be Master of Pembroke College, Oxford, is selling his Georgian house in Edwardes Square, Kensington. The five-bedroom house, which has a first-floor, L-shaped drawing room overlooking the square gardens, has a 60ft garden – as well as the use of the three acre communal gardens. W. A. Ellis are asking £465,000.**

Wealden wonder

■ Gatehouse, near Goudhurst, Cranbrook, Kent owned by Dame Edith Evans for her last 21 years, is a timber-framed, 15th-century Wealden hall house. A characteristic clothiers' house of the time, it was later owned by Sir Horace Mann, friend of Walpole and Gray, in the reign of George II.

The Grade II listed house has a fine, carved Tudor doorway and massive arched trusses and beams in the hall. The accommodation includes a galleried great hall, three reception rooms, two master bedrooms, two further bedrooms and a staff flat.

The five-acre grounds include a Kentish oak barn, tennis court and paddock. Savills seek more than £300,000

■ **Canonbury Square is in high demand. Bairstow Eves's London homes department is selling an impressive Georgian house there for £295,000. Expensively refurbished, it has five bedrooms, two receptions, a games room and a gym, with a small walled garden and roof terrace.**

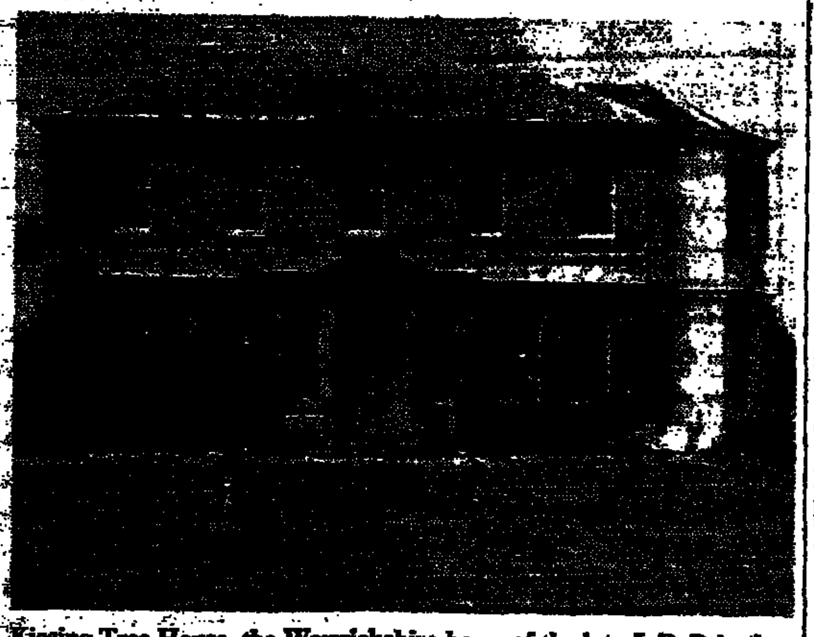
Elizabethan Etton

■ A partly restored Elizabethan manor house in the rural village of Etton, near Peterborough, is for sale through Humberts' Stamford office, at about £80,000.

Etton Manor, Grade II listed and referred to in Pevsner's *The Buildings of England*, has carved stone fireplaces and stone mullion windows. The present owner has begun the restoration.

The house has two reception rooms and five bedrooms, with potential for further accommodation in the attic. There is a courtyard with two stables and a garden.

■ **The unprepossessing name, Number 7, Sherrington, describes one of the prettiest cottages in the Wylye Valley, near Salisbury, Wiltshire. Facing the former Sherrington watercress beds, it could be the ideal weekend cottage, with a thatched roof and compact inside. It has three bedrooms, sitting room and dining room. Strutt and Parker's Salisbury office is asking £85,000.**



Kissing Tree House, the Warwickshire home of the late J. B. Priestley, is for sale through Knight Frank and Rutley's London and Stratford-upon-Avon offices, with a guide price of £380,000. The Georgian house, with Regency and later additions, stands in some 31 acres of parkland. Priestley bought it in 1959 and there played host to many literary figures over the next few years. It was in the library that he wrote his novel, *The Image Men*. Situated in Alverton, three miles from Stratford-upon-Avon, Kissing Tree House has a reception hall with Italian marble floor, four reception rooms, six principal bedrooms and six bathrooms. There is a staff cottage and the gardens have stabling for four horses.

Wood houses cut to 5%

It is ironic that while historic timber-framed houses are prized in the property market – there are two on today's property page, for example – the popularity of modern timber-framed construction houses has reached its lowest level for some time.

Acknowledging considerable differences between the Tudor homes and modern system-built structures, the fact is that it is a satisfactory method of building when well done. A combination of poorly-built or assembled timber-framed houses and a flurry of bad publicity has had a startling effect on this market.

Figures from the National House-Building Council covering the second quarter of 1985 show that the number of completions in Britain totalled nine per cent of the market – seven per cent in England, 8 per cent in Wales and 34 per cent in Scotland (which has traditionally used such methods). Those figures compare with a peak of 25 per cent in 1982 (24 per cent in England, 20 per cent in Wales and 44 per cent in Scotland). It is reckoned that now only five per cent of new homes being built in England are timber-framed.

After the timber-frame industry launched the Timber and Brick Homes Information Council to try to counter prejudice, the Campaign for Traditional Housing (the lobby for concrete blocks) has been battling on and has just released the results of an NOP survey.

It showed that four-fifths of the population believed that brick and block houses give best value for money, while only three per cent opted for timber-frame. Sixteen per cent did not know and two per cent put the two methods equal.

One in eight of the adult population of Britain did not know the type of construction of their home. The highest proportion of "don't knows" one fifth – was in the under-24 age group, compared with the most knowledgeable - aged 35-54 – of whom only six per cent did not know.

The timber-frame lobby took the figures to indicate a "strong recovery in public confidence in recent months". Mr John Dobby, the consortium's chairman, admitted that there was a very poor awareness of timber-frame housing among the home-buying public, but he found comfort. The six per cent of people "very likely" to buy timber frame, reported in the NOP survey, was double the three per cent who gave that opinion after the 1984 television *World in Action* programme which criticized the method.

Opinion polls apart, the shock waves from the bad publicity about timber frame continue, but there are signs that the level of building has reached its lowest ebb. It will take a long time before the levels of 1982 are reached again, but the determination of the industry to prove it makes good houses is likely at least to ensure its survival.

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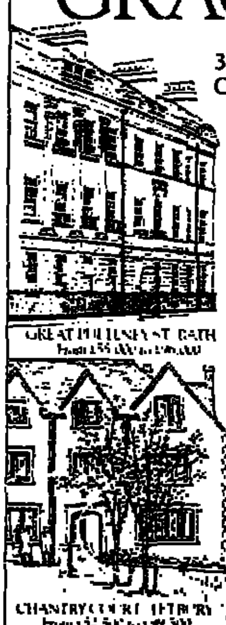

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BAILEY – On September 22nd at Queen Charlotte's to Margaret (Liz) and John – a son (William Hugh), a brother for Eliza.

BAKER – On 20th September at The Princess Margaret Hospital, Windsor, to Jennifer (née Greenslade) and Martin – a daughter (Victoria Catharine), a sister for Sarah.

BEALE – On August 26th in Almeria, Spain, to Francesca (née Rosano) and Peter – a son (Sean), a brother for Yasmine.

BELL : BROWN. – On September 19th, to Lindsay and Tom, a daughter, Jennifer Frances Bell, sister to Michael.

BRUNT – On September 23rd, 1985, At The Royal Hampshire County Hospital to Audrey (née Howard) and Pierce, a son, Frederick Robert Henry, a brother for Helen and Ruth. Mildmay House, Twyford, Winchester.

DE BRAY – On September 12th, to Lindy and Sean–a daughter (Lauren).

DE MORAVILLE – On September 23, 1985, at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Fanny and John – a son.

DENNISTOUN – On September 21st, to Romaine (nee Long) and Christopher–a daughter (Felicity Helen).

DRURY – On September 23rd, to Frances (nee McConnell) and Nigel–a daughter (Flora).

ELLITHORPE LUKER – On September 22nd to Anne and David, a daughter, Emily Rebecca.

GODDARD – On September 20th, to Buffs and Stephen, a daughter (Sophie Elizabeth).

HAWKINS – On 17th September, to Michael and Diane (née Rowlands), a daughter (Claire Elizabeth), beautiful sister for Simon.

HEDLEY. – On September 18, to Sally (nee Eastwood) and Nick – a daughter (Sarah Helen Eastwood).

LEES – On September 23rd, at Queen Charlottes, West London, to Claire (née Mill) and Nicholas, a daughter (Jessica).

LEGGETT – on September 19th at St Theresa's, Wimbledon, to Sarah (née Hammond) and Jeremy, a daughter, Cosima Alice Louise, a sister to Rupert and Alexandra.

LE NEVE FOSTER – On September 23rd to Nigel and Margaret, a son (Nicholas), a brother for Julia and Christopher.

McCLINTOCK – To Robert and Patricia (née Campus-Santinolli), a daughter, on 14th September 1985.

O'MEARA – On September 18th at St Theresa's Wimbledon, to Adrian and Kate, a beautiful daughter, Corrina Mary, sister for Tom.

PALMER YEARWOOD. On September 17th 1985, to Clare and Alastair – a daughter (Alice Patsy Mavis).

PETRIE – on 19th September to Celia (née Kevill) and Piers, a daughter, Catharine Elizabeth.

ROBERTSON – On 21st September at Kingston Hospital, to Susan (née Lambden) and Ian – a son (Callum James Edward).

SCHREIBER. On 19th September to Linnet and Julian – a son (Daniel Dwight).

SELLAR – To Louise and Robin, on September 19th, in Edinburgh – a daughter (Eleanor Rose).

TINN – On September 13th at Northampton to Julie (nee Shipman) and Mike a daughter Bryony Laura – a sister for (Rowan and Hollie.)

WINTLE – On 3rd September, at Bath RU, and now Malmesbury Hospital, to Kathleen Joanna (née Tufnell) and David, a daughter (Kimberley Samantha Maxine).

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MARRIAGES

REYNOLDS – RICHARDSON. On 21st September at Maidenhead Methodist Church, Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs W Reynolds of Sheffield, to Penelope, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs I Richardson of Iwerne Minster, Dorset.

WOOLLCOMBE : CUMMING – On 21st September, 1985, at the Church of St John the Evangelist, Edinburgh, John, younger son of Mr & Mrs Rupert Woollcombe of Much Hadham, Hertfordshire to Melanie, second daughter of Mr & Mrs Ian Cumming of Edinburgh.

DEATHS

ALBURY, "JOHNNIE" EILEEN PALMER – On 23rd September, peacefully in hospital. Wife of the late Cyril and much loved mother of Simon and Robert. Funeral Witton Cemetery, Birmingham at 12.30 p.m. Friday 27th Septemer. No flowers.

BACKHOUSE. – On September 18th 1986, Maxwell Vaughan, Administration Service, Nigeria, 1925-55. Cremation private.

BARCLAY – On September 23rd 1985, Daphne, widow of Lt. Col. Patrick Barclay, The Black Watch, mother of Peter and Penelope. Funeral service at Stratford St. Mary Church, on Friday, September 27th, at 3.45pm, family flowers only, but donations if desired to St. Helena Hospice, Colchester, Essex.

BECK – On September 22nd, 1985, peacefully in his sleep, Arthur Cecil Beck, S.I.E.E., dearest husband of Anne, loving father of John and Lindy. Funeral service at St. Marylebone Crematorium N2, at 3.30pm, on Friday, September 27th. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Friends of the Whittington Hospital.

COCHRANE-DYET – On 22nd September, Mary Eleanor (née Berry), aged 87 years, dear wife of the late John, and dearly loved mother of Ian, Alastair and Ruari. Funeral service at St. Helens Church, Low Fell, Friday 27th September, at 11am, followed by Cremation at Saltwell. No flowers please, but donations in lieu if desired to British Heart Foundation, c/o Mr A. A. Cochrane-Dyet, 347 Durham Rd., Low Fell, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear. Enquiries to the above address (after 12 noon). Tel: 091 487 8418.

DUNBAR. – On September 21st 1985 in the Kelso Hospital. Bigger after a brave fight against cancer, John Telfer Dunbar, Author and historian, Dear husband of Elizabeth (nee Black), Father of Gavin and Peter, grandfather of Chloe, Hamish, and Katherine. Honorary Vice President of the St Andrew Society, President of the Scottish Far East Prisoner of War Assoc. President of The Costume Society of Scotland. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Funeral service in Libberton Kirk, Nr Carnwath today at 12 pm and interment thereafter, in churchyard family flowers only. Donations if desired to St Columbas Hospice, Edinburgh.

DURSTON, SUSAN DIANA BARTRAM (nee Kiddell). Peacefully on September 23, 1985, widow of the late Douglas Durston and much loved mother of Tim, Greg, Alex and Jenny. Funeral 11am, Monday, September 30 at Charing Crematorium, Kent. No flowers by request. Donations to the League of Friends, William Harvey Hospital, Ashford.

EARLE On September 23rd Carole (neé Shinebourne) sadly missed by husband Tony, children Jonathan and Kathryn.

ECCLES – Cathleen Patricia (Patsy), aged 75, of Ambleside, on September 21st 1985, peacefully among her family. Dearly loved wife of the late John, much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral Friday 27th September 1985, 11am Holy Trinity Church, Brathay. Family flowers only, donations may be sent to Church of England Children's Society, c/o Reverend Kenneth Cove, St Mary's Vicarage, Ambleside, Cumbria. Enquiries to Heritage & Sons, Tel: Winslow (Bucks) 3341.

DEATHS

FINCH. On September 21st 1985, Cyril Thoams DSC, husband of Jane and father of Susan and Simon. Funeral at St Johns Church, Stanmore, on Friday, September 27th at 12.30 followed by private cremation. No flowers, but donations if desired to Harefield Hospital, Heart Transplant Trust.

GIBBS – On 19th September, suddenly and peacefully in Montserrat, Dennis Raleigh, beloved husband of Erica, much loved father of Gerard, Jonathan and Rhona. Funeral service held in Montserrat on 22nd September. Details of Memorial Service will be announced later.

GINNETT. – On Sunday September 22, 1985, Janet Alexandra Charlotte Ginnett, aged 79 years. Funeral service Mortlake Crematorium Friday September 27 at 2.30 pm. Flowers may be sent to James Goulborn, Funeral Directors, 61 Greyhound Road, London W6.

GOULDER – On September 20th, peacefully after a long illness, Charles Roy, aged 88. Dearly loved husband of the late Dorrien Maude, father of Pam and Brian, grandfather of Susan, Graham, Shirley, Jackie and David, brother-in-law of Eileen Clarke. Service of "thanksgiving". Keston Parish church, Saturday September 28th, 10am followed by cremation. Donations to Ashridge Beaumont Nursing Home, 165 Barnhorn Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex. Flowers and enquiries to Francis Chappell & Sons, 332 Crofton Road, Farnborough, Kent. Tel: 53277.

GRAHAM On 21st September, suddenly in hospital, John (Johnnie). Greatly beloved husband of Rona and loving father of Jamie, Rory, Derriana and Tina and grandfather. Private memorial service. No flowers please.

HALSWELL – On 24th Sept 1985, peacefully at his home, Ford Farm, Wilmington, Honiton, Peter aged 83, dear husband of Kate, fond father of Wyndham, Jenny and Katrina. Memorial service Cotleigh Parish church, on Friday, Oct 4th at 2.30. No flowers please but donations if desired for the Mexican Relief Fund, c/o W G Potter & Sons, 1 West Street, Axminster. Tel: 32063.

HENSHAW – On September 21st, Jack Henshaw loved by many friends, peacefully after a courageous struggle.

KENDON – On Wednesday, 18th September, 1985, Donald Henry Kendon, C.B.E., aged 90 years, peacefully in a nursing home. Lovingly remembered by all his family. Cremation private, no flowers, but donations if desired to Bethany School, Cranbrook, Kent. Memorial Service at Bethany Chapel, on Saturday, 19th October, at 12 noon.

KNEEN. – On September 23, Francis Michael Kneen, suddenly in Greece. Beloved husband of Isobel and father of Stephen, Tina, Ella, Mathew and Oliver. Funeral arrangements to be announced.

McKECHNIE – Suddenly on 21st September 1985, Reverend Robert Paton of Fulbourn, Cambridge, former Minister in Scotland and Amsterdam, and Tutor at Saffron Walden College. Dearly loved husband of Beryl. Funeral service 2pm at All Saints Church, Teversham, Cambridge, on Friday 27th September, followed by interment in the Churchyard. Flowers may be sent to The Co-operative Funeral Service, Chapel of Rest, 34 James Street, Cambridge.

MOLLER – At 5 Carlton Terrace, Edinburgh, on Sunday, September 22nd, 1985, Afta Winifred Russell, last surviving daughter of the late Andreas Thomas Moller. Funeral service at St John's Episcopal Church, West End, Edinburgh on Friday, September 27th, 1985 at 3.30 pm. Cremation thereafter private.

MORRIS on September 21st 1985 Lt Col Cyril Walter Montague aged 85 years. Late 2nd Royal Bn The Sikh Regmt. Beloved husband of the late Barbara Morris, much loved father of Tony and brother of Leonard (deceased) and Dr Wilfred Morris. Cremation at Aldershot on Wednesday September 25th. Flowers and enquiries to H. C. Patrick & Co. Farnham (0252) 714884.

MORRIS. On September 22nd, 1985, peacefully, darling Daphne daughter of Adam Sedgwick, dear wife of Geoffrey and cherished mother of Stella and June. "Fear no more the heat of the sun". Funeral Service, the Church of St Margarets-At-Cliffe, Thursday September 26th, at 3.15pm. Cut flowers only please to: Hambrook & Johns Ltd, 1 Beaconsfield Avenue, Dover by 12 noon.

SHIPSTON – On September 22nd 1985, Flora, dearly beloved wife of the late Geoffry, cherished sister of Eileen and of the late Gordon, dear sister-in-law of Peggy, loved and loving aunt of Charles, Anthony & Susie, and great-aunt of Katie, Amanda, Louise, William & Sarah. Service at Mortlake Crematorium, Monday, September 30th 1985, at 12 noon. No flowers but if desired donations in her memory may be sent to R.N.L.I., West Quay Rd, Poole, Dorset BH15 1HZ.

SIMPSON – On September 20th in hospital, Surgeon Captain (D) Donald Lee Simpson R.N. (retired) aged 85 years. Sadly missed by his family. Funeral at New Southgate Crematorium on 27th September at 2.30pm. No flowers please but donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation

WARLEY – On September 23rd, 1985, at Llanharran, Mid Glamorgan, Eric Holmes, father of Anthony, Jonathan, Phillip and Richard. Beloved of all and especially his wife Jan. Service and cremation at mid-Glamorgan crematorium, Coychurch nr Bridgend, on Friday, September 27th, at 2.30pm. All friends are welcome. Donations to the Macmillan Trust or the Cancer Help Centre, c/o E Morgan & Sons, 11 Elder St, Bridgend.

WILLIAMS – On 22nd September at Cooma Hospital, N.S.W., Australia, aged 74, after a short illness Margot widow of the late Captain Alan FitzRoy Campbell, O.B.E., R.N., of Airds "Upper Sonachan" and the late Commander Leslie Lloyd Williams, R.A.N "Gurrubang" Cooma N.S.W. Beloved mother of Clare and grandmother of Nathaniel. Cremation at Canberra, Tuesday 24th September and Thanksgiving Service at Cooma on Saturday 28th September, 1985. Donations if desired to Save The Children Fund

WILSON – On 18th September, peacefully in hospital, Derrick Ley Wilson, dear husband, father and grandfather. The Funeral has taken place.

WYATT. On 21st September, Thomas of 28 Manor Vale Road, Galmpton, Brixham, Devon (late of Siddington House, Manchester). Funeral Service at Torquay Crematorium on Saturday 28th, September at 11 am.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

LADY BINNEY at St Lawrence Parish Church, Jersey, at midday on Friday, September 27th.

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NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 175 of the COMPANIES ACT 1985 ("the Act") that (a) by Special Resolution passed at a Extraordinary General Meeting of Members of the Company duly convened and held on 19th September 1985 the Company approved, in accordance with Section 173 of the Act, a payment out of capital of £118,837 for the purpose of acquiring 50 of its own shares of £1 each by purchase.
(b) the Statutory Declaration of the Directors and the report of the Auditor of the Company required by Section 173 of the Act are available for inspection at the Registered Office of the Company which is at Viva Works, Wharf Road, Pinxton, Nottinghamshire.
(c) any creditor of the Company may by not later than 28th October 1985 (being 5 weeks after the date of the Special Resolution) apply to the Court under Section 176 of the Act for an order prohibiting the payment.
Dated 19th September 1985.
By Order of the Board
J. G. GRAYSON
Director

In the Matter of GREENWAY INSURANCE BROKERS Limited and in the Matter of THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE is hereby given that the creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 17th day of October, 1985, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Gerhard Adolf Weiss, FCA of Cork Gully, Shelly House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 7DQ the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 17th day of September 1985.
G. A. WEISS
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HOWARD CEILINGS LIMITED
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NOTICE is hereby given that the Creditors of the above-named Company are required, on or before the 31st day of October 1985, to send their names and addresses, with particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned, Shirley Angela Jackson, of 3 Raymond Buildings, Gray's Inn, London WC1R 5BH the Liquidator of the said Company; and, if so required by notice in writing by the said Liquidator, are, by their Solicitors or personally, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated 12th September 1985.
S. A. JACKSON,
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NOTICE is hereby given that the Creditors of the above-named Company are required, on or before the 31st day of October 1985, to send their names and addresses, with particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any) to the undersigned, Shirley Angela Jackson of 3 Raymond Buildings, Gray's Inn, London WC1R 5BH the Liquidator of the said Company; and, if so required by notice in writing by the said Liquidator, are, by their Solicitors or personally, to come in and prove their said debts or clams at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
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In the Matter of Companies Act 1985 and TUCKERHILL LIMITED.
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 588 of the Companies Act, 1985, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of Single & Co, New Broad Street House, 35 New Broad Street, London, EC2M 1NH, on 3rd October, 1985, at 2.30 pm, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 589 and 590 of the said Act.
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Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM.

6.50 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Debbie Greenwood. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55; regional news, weather and travel at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 7.20 and 8.20; the new Top Twenty at 7.32. Plus, Beverly Alt's fashion tips and Alison Mitchell's 'phone-in financial advice.

9.20 Ceefax. 10.30 Play School. 10.55 Ceefax.

12.30 News After Noon with Moira Stuart and Frances Coverdale. Followed by news headlines with subtitles. 12.55 Regional news. The weather details come from Ian McCaskill.

1.00 Pebble Mill at One. Among the guests is Peter May, chairman of the Test selectors who talks about his celebrated cricket career. 1.45 Hokey Cokey (r). 2.00 Ceefax. 3.52 Regional news.

3.55 Paddington. Michael Hordern narrates the story in which Paddington goes Underground (r). 4.00 Fingermouse. The first of a new series presented by Ian Lauchlan and Jane Hardy. 4.15 The Voyages of Dr Doolittle. A new cartoon series based on the stories about the doctor who can talk to animals.

4.35 Hartbeat. Tony Hart continues his series on the art of making pictures. 5.00 John Craven's Newsround. 5.10 Treasure Houses. Mark Curry is in Canterbury Cathedral where he tells the story of how, on the orders of a king, an Archbishop was murdered on the premises.

5.35 The Flintstones. Cartoon adventures of a modern Stone Age family.

6.00 News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.

6.35 London Plus.

7.00 Wogan. The guests include David McCallum and Windsor Davies, both soon to be seen in the new cast of the hit comedy, Run For Your Wife. Plus a song from the Three Degrees.

7.40 Wildlife on One: Marmot Mountain. A documentary about the plight of the squirrel-like creatures that live in the Austrian Tyrol who are finding it difficult to survive in an area which is sometimes covered with snow for all but three months of the year. The narrator is David Attenborough (Ceefax).

8.05 Tenko. Episode three and the women, at last freed from captivity, arrive in Singapore where they are bewildered by the various reception committees. Elspeth Gray joins the cast as the Red Cross Welfare Officer who is in charge of smoothing the women's period of transition (r) (Ceefax).

9.00 News with Julia Somerville and John Humphrys. Weather.

9.25 Soldiers. Part two of Frederick Forsyth's series on the global history of man in battle deals with the cavalry (Ceefax) (see Choice).

10.15 Film: Airport 75 (1974) starring Charlton Heston, Karen Black, George Kennedy and Gloria Swanson. Disaster movie which begins with a mid-air collision between a Boeing 747 and a private plane that leaves most of the Boeing's crew dead and the pilot severley injured. The distraught passengers, who include a film star, a teenager being rushed to hospital for a kidney transplant and an alcoholic are in the hands of the chief stewardess who has to try to land the aircraft from instructions given to her from the airport control tower. Directed by Jack Smight.

12.00 Weather.

TV-am

6.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Henry Kelly. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.17, 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; exercises at 6.20 and 9.17; sport at 6.35 and 7.34; pop music at 7.55; behind the scenes of Death Wish III at 8.17; video film review at 8.34; Prudence Glynn talks about the Laura Ashley empire at 9.04; understanding the menopause at 9.12. The guests include Twiggy and Harry Secombe.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines.

9.30 For Schools: developing a city. 9.52 Simple mathematical concepts. 10.04 Coping with deafness. 10.21 A working day in the life of a milkman. 10.33 Episode two of the Caucasian Chalk Circle. 11.00 How children's magazines have changed over the years. 11.17 A West Indian boy talks about his family. 11.34 The nation's economic problems.

12.00 Orm and Cheep. Puppet adventures of a worm and a baby bird (r). 12.10 Our Backyard where the children are playing with bubbles and balloons. 12.30 Jobs Limited. A discussion on the options open to the jobless.

1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin. 1.20 Thames news, presented by Robin Houston. 1.30 A Country Practice.

2.30 Something to Treasure. Ron Amner, a lead mining enthusiast, talks about his efforts to preserve the disused lead mines around Matlock (r). 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 Thames news headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters.

4.00 Orm and Cheep. A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.10 Doris. Cartoon adventures of a cat. 4.20 Video and Chips. The last programme of the series includes an interview with Everest conqueror, Chris Bonnington. 4.50 Hold Tight! Pop music and games, presented by Bob Carolgees and Janette Beverley.

5.15 Blockbusters.

5.45 News with Michael Nicholson. 6.00 Thames news.

6.25 Help! Viv Taylor Gee with news of Arthritis Care.

6.35 Crossroads. Diane is upset by Daniel.

7.00 Where There's Life . . . Rob Buckman reports from Miami on an adopt-a-grandparent scheme, formed with the intention of bringing young and old into contact. In the studio, Miriam Stoppard chairs a discussion on the scheme.

7.30 Coronation Street. Will Ivy be satisfied with George's idea of a wedding day? (Oracle).

8.00 Fresh Fields. Hester's harsh slimming diet makes William feel that the only thing that he wants to give up is Hester.

8.30 The Brothers McGregor. Comedy series about two half-brothers who run a sleazy second-hand car lot (Oracle).

9.00 Minder: Arthur is Dead, Long Live Arthur. The Inland Revenue demand £20,000 from Arthur who is understandably upset with the request. He disguises himself and goes to stay at an out-of-the-way small hotel run by an amorous widow (played by George Cole's real-life wife, Penny Morrell) (Oracle).

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Pamela Armstrong. Weather followed by Thames news headlines.

10.30 Midweek Sport Special. Highlights of the St Ivel Ice International from Richmond Ice Rink; and the Daily Mirror National Gymnastics Championships at Wembley. Introduced by Brian Moore.

12.00 That's Hollywood. Spotlight on the swashbucklers.

12.25 Night Thoughts.

The Battle for Orgreave: Channel 4, 8.30pm

CHOICE

● THE BATTLE FOR ORGREAVE (Channel 4, 8.30pm) won't let sleeping dogs lie. The fact that 95 South Yorkshire miners were cleared of riot and unlawful assembly charges during last year's coalfield strike does not satisfy director Yvette Vanson. She produces a mass of spoken and visual evidence in support of her argument that the wrong people were put on trial. It should, she says in effect, have been the police. And so she puts them in the dock, charged with violent behaviour. You have to admit that the case for the prosecution is a strong one. What is lacking is the case for the defence. The verdict, therefore, is a foregone conclusion and rough justice.

● Although, by definition, SOLDIERS (BBC 1, 9.25pm) is aimed primarily at warfare buffs, there is another, possibly more peaceable, class of enthusiast who should get a kick out of it too: the movie buff. Tonight's film, about the role of the cavalry, is fleshed out with film clips galore. With no difficulty at all, I was able to identify *El Cid*, *Forty Thousand Horsemen*, *Fall of the Roman Empire*, *Cromwell*, and *Young Winston*. I did have a problem with The Charge of the Light Brigade. Not the Errol Flynn version, clearly, but realistic enough to have been shot on the spot if only the movie camera had been invented at the time. As for the rest of *Soldiers*, it is noticeable how often the participation of horses can have the effect of softening the impact of battlefield carnage.

● As A PRIVATE GRIEF (3.00pm) is the first totally improvised play put out by Radio 4. I wish I could say it ought to be the first of many. It is a good shot, nothing more. And it *should* have been more, given its subject matter – Beethoven's encroaching deafness and its isolating effects. The weakness of the enterprise is the width of the gap – psychological as much as dramatic – that separates what Beethoven actually said and what the play's deviser, James Runcie, thinks he *might* have said in his explosive moments of maximum stress.

● Ian Cotterell's production of Middleton's acidulous comedy about a world of money-grabbers, A TRICK TO CATCH THE OLD ONE (Radio 3, 7.30pm) is outrageous fun from start to finish. The roguery is so enthusiastic that it is almost palpable.

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

6.30 Open University: Instrumentation: Trains. 6.55 Early Music-Hall. Ends at 7.20.

9.00 Gharbar. Magazine programme for Asian women. This week's edition includes Chanchal Jain from the West Midlands Consumer Services talking to Ghazala Amin and Savita Mehra about dangerous cosmetics.

9.25 Daytime on Two: Accident prevention. 9.38 Science: when is a fruit not a fruit. 10.00 For four- and five-year-olds. 10.15 Mathematical Investigations: Pascal's Triangle and Gears. 10.38 Maths: trigonometry. 11.00 Stories and songs about tigers. 11.17 Building a house in Scotland. 11.40 A drama about a reluctant young judo champion. 12.10 Igneous rocks and volcanoes.

12.35 Swimming for beginners. 1.00 O-level maths for adults. 1.15 Jobs that involve looking after animals. 1.38 Who painted the drawings found in the caves of Lascaux Deep in the Perigord region of France? 2.00 Harvesting grain. 2.18 The effect of the Ice Age on the landscape. 2.40 The Bayeux Tapestry and the Norman invasion. 3.00 Ceefax.

5.25 News summary with subtitles. Weather.

5.30 Championship Darts. Highlights from last night's matches.

6.00 Film: Marie Walewska* (1938) starring Greta Garbo and Charles Boyer. The Polish nation look to Napoleon to save them from the marauding Cossaks but the emperor seems more inclined to chase the beautiful Countess Walewska. Directed by Clarence Brown.

7.50 Do They Mean Us? Derek Jameson with another selection of clips from overseas television programmes depicting what they believe is the British way of life including an Italian television programme on Britons' obsession with a "nice cup of tea".

8.20 An Evening with Howard Keel. Part one of a two-programme series recorded in April at the Royal Albert Hall, London.

9.00 Film: Coming Out of the Ice (1982) starring John Savage and Willie Nelson. Drama, based on fact, about a teenager, Victor Herman, who, in 1931, went from the United States to Russia to visit his parents. Thirty-six years later he returned to Detroit after having served half that time in Siberian labour camps. Directed by Warris Hussein.

10.35 Newsnight includes a report from Charles Wheeler in the United States on the claim that Vietnam War veterans are still being held prisoners in Vietnam and Laos. 11.20 Weather.

11.25 Championship Darts. Highlights.

11.55 Open University: Modern Art: Beaubourg. 12.20 Biology: Unity and Diversity. Ends at 12.50.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 Film: Mistress of Paradise (1981) starring Genevieve Bujold and Anthony Andrews. A made-for-television drama, set in the 1880s, about a New England-born young woman who marries a creole plantation owner and finds it difficult to come to terms with the cultural and social values of the South. Directed by Peter Medak.

4.15 Kill or Cure? Whooping Cough – A Shot in the Dark. With a new epidemic due, a repeat of the programme first shown in 1983 about the controversial vaccine with which babies are sometimes inoculated. The programme describes the plight of vaccine damaged children in Britain and the United States and the large financial discrepancies between the awards to brain damaged children on both sides of the Atlantic.

5.00 Alice. Mel's Diner is almost driven out of business when Mel's mother (Martha Raye) comes to cook for him.

5.30 Silents Please* Douglas Fairbanks Sr, Billie Dove and Donald Crisp star in The Black Pirate, a swashbuckling adventure made in 1926, directed by Albert Parker.

6.00 The Betty White Show. Joyce's success makes flat-mate Mitzi jealous and Mitzi decides to look for another apartment.

6.30 Where Do We Go From Here? A debate on the prospects for youth employment, with Peter Morrison, minister of state, department of employment; Shirley Williams, president of SDP; and Barry Sheerman, opposition spokesman on employment.

7.00 Channel Four news with Peter Sissons and Alastair Stewart.

7.50 Comment. With his views on a topical subject is Rastafarian writer and poet, Benjamin Zephaniah. Weather.

8.00 The World – a Television History. The penultimate programme in the series based on the The Times Atlas of World History covers the period from 1929 to 1945 (Oracle).

8.30 People to People: The Battle for Orgreave. In June, 1984, 95 miners were arrested at Orgreave Coke works and charged with riot and unlawful assembly. At their subsequent trial all 95 were found not guilty of any offence. Tonight's programme investigates the facts surrounding the arrests, with testimony from a number of those arrested and with re-enactments (see Choice).

9.30 Waterfront. Part two and union leader Sam has died – in mysterious circumstances – and a reluctant Maxey is forced to take over Sam's mantle.

11.20 Book Four. Hermione Lee talks to cultural critic and political writer, Raymond Williams, about his new novel, Loyalties.

11.50 Close.

Radio 4

On long wave. † also VHF stereo.

5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News briefing. 6.10 Farming. 6.25 Prayer.

6.30 Today incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.45 Business News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day.

8.43 The Haunted Major by Robert Marshall (3). Reader: Nigel Anthony. 8.57 Weather; Travel.

9.00 News.

9.05 Midweek: Libby Purves and guests in conversation†

10.00 News: Gardeners' Question Time. Experts answer questions from gardening clubs in Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland.

10.30 Morning Story: Nell, written and read by John Halstead.

10.45 Daily Service (New Every Morning, page 54)†

11.00 News; Travel; Workforce. Brian Redhead examines the state of management training in Britain (r).

11.48 Piano Portrait. Patricia Carroll plays music by famous Victorian pianists (6). Teresa Carreno.

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer advice, with Pattie Coldwell.

12.27 Shadows of Doubt by Palma Harcourt, in 6 parts (3)† 12.55 Weather.

1.00 The World At One: News.

1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.

2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Includes an interview with Cilla Black. And Janet Suzman reads the final instalment of Persuasion, by Jane Austen.

3.00 News: The Afternoon Play. A Private Grief devised by James Runcie and the cast, with Mike Gwilym as Beethoven confronting his encroaching deafness† (see Choice).

3.47 Time For Verse. Poems chosen by John Wain and read by Geoffrey Collins and Diana Bishop.

4.00 News; File On 4. After Handsworth, is community policing finished? Roger Finnigan reports on what can be done about the ghettoes (r).

4.40 Story Time: Just Williams. Kenneth Williams reads from his autobiography. (8).

5.00 PM: News magazine. 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather.

6.00 News; Financial Report.

6.30 My Music. Steve Race chairs the panel game with John Amis, Frank Muir, Ian Wallace and Denis Nordent

7.00 News.

7.05 The Archers.

7.20 Your Move or Mine? Bill Breckon and Tom Tickell take up the cudgels on behalf of people who buy a leasehold property and outline the buyer's rights and responsibilities.

7.45 Anthony Hopkins Talking about Music†

8.15 From our own correspondent – The World 30 Years On. Angus McDermid and today's BBC correspondent browse through the archives to celebrate the 30th birthday of Radio 4's foreign affairs programme.

9.00 Around the Coast of Cornwall. Tom Salmon concludes his exploration†

9.45 Kaleidoscope. Includes comment on Othello at the RSC, in Stratford-upon-Avon; the Egyptian landscapes exhibition at the Barbican: and Iris Murdoch's book The Good Apprentice.

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: For Whom the Bell Tolls by Ernest Hemingway (6) Read by William Roberts. 10.29 Weather.

10.30 The World Tonight.

11.15 The Financial World Tonight.

11.30 Enterprise. Marjorie Lofthouse visits Susie Madron's Holidays of Manchester, winner of the 1985 small business competition.

12.00 News: Weather. 12.33 Shipping.

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 11.00-12.00 For Schools. 1.55-3.00pm For Schools. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.30-12.10am Open University: 11.30 Rights and Wrongs of Modern Art (2). 11.50 Control of Education. 12.30-1.10 Schools Night-time Broadcasting: A-level English – A Passage to India (1).

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.

7.05 Morning Concert: Handel's Concerto a due con, No 2 in F (English Baroque Soloists) Brixi's Indica nobis (Dvorak CO/Prague Radio Chorus/ soloists including Eva Bromova and Miroslav Kopp): Arriaga's Quartet No 2 in A (Rasoumovsky Quartet): Mendelssohn's Andante and rondo capriccioso, Op 14 (Perahia, piano)† 8.00 News.

8.05 Morning Concerto (contd): Shostakovich's Overture on Russian and Kirghiz folk themes (Amsterdam Concertgebouw); Ravel's song cycle Sheherazade (Jessye Norman, soprano/LSO): Debussy's L'Isle joyeuse (Roge, piano): Rimsky-Korsakov's Capriccio espagnol, Op 34 (Montreal SO)† 9.00 News.

9.05 This Week's Composer: Myaskovsky. Symphony No 21 (Chicago SO): Violin Concerto in D minor, Op 44 (Grigory Feigin/Moscow Radio SO)†

10.00 Scarlatti and Dallapiccola: Philip Mead (piano). Dallapiccola's Sonatina Canonica: and Scarlatti sonatas including the F, Kk 296; and the E minor, Kk 402: and the D minor, Kk 293†

10.40 Byronic Shades: Berlioz's overture Le corsaire (Scottish National Orchestra): Schumann's overture Manfred (Amsterdam Concertgebouw); Liszt's symphonic poem Tasso, lamento a trionfo (LPO)†

11.25 Cello and Piano: Ramon Jablonski (cello), Krystyna Borucinska (piano). Lutoslawski's Grave: Metamorphoses: Chopin's Sonata in G minor, Op 65†

12.00 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra (under Downes). With Sheila Armstrong (soprano). Mahler's Symphony No 4† 1.00 News.

1.05 Jazz: On Duke's birthday. East Stratford Too-Doo, dedicated to the memory of Duke Ellington, by Mike Westbrook. Recorded by his orchestra in Amiens last year†

1.30 Excerpts from Edward German's operetta Merrie England. With soloists William McAlpine, June Bronhill, Peter Glossop, Monica Sinclair and Patricia Kern. Michael Collins conducts the orchestra and chorus†

2.30 Pinto: John McCabe (piano) plays Pinto's Sonata in C minor, 1803; and Field's Sonata in E flat, Op 1 No 1†

3.00 Sibelius: Symphony No 7; and Violin Concerto in D minor (Belkin with the Philharmonia Orchestra conducted by Vladimir Ashkenazy)†

4.00 Choral Evensong: from Bristol Cathedral – live transmission. The organist and Master of the Choresters is Malcolm Archer, with Martin Schellenberg as the Assistant Organist. The organ voluntary is Schumann's Fugue No 1 on the name of Bach, Op 60† 4.55 News.

5.00 Midweek Choice: Novak's symphonic poem In the Tatra Mountains (Czech PO): Saint-Saens's Sonata No 1 (Dong-Suk-kang, violin/Pascal Devoyon, piano); Rossini's Una voce poco fa (Supervia): Bach's Toccata, Adagio and Fugue, BWV 564 (Hurford, organ): Haydn's Piano Concerto in G, H XV111 4 (Bamberg SO): Britten's Cello Symphony Op 68 (Welsh/BBC SO)†

7.00 Debut: Keith Williams and Clive Williamson (pianos). Holst's Elegy, in memorium William Morris for two pianos; Debussy's Six Epigraphes antiques†

7.30 A Trick to Catch the Old One: Peter Barnes's adaptation of Thomas Middleton's Elizabethan comedy. Starring Maurice Denham, Peter Bayliss, Alan Rickman, Dilys Laye and Timothy Bateson. Music by Jeremy Barlow† (see Choice).

9.00 City of Birmingham SO (under Rattle). With Nobuko Imai (viola) and Robert Cohen (cello). Part 1. Tippett's Concerto for double string orchestra: Walton's Viola Concerto†

9.50 Six Continents: Ian McDougall with foreign radio broadcasts.

10.10 Concert (contd); Strauss's symphonic poem Don Quixote†

11.00 Manchester Chamber Concerts: Anthony Goldstone (piano). Ronald Thomas (violin). Raphael Wallfisch (cello) Tchaikovsky's Piano Trio in A minor, Op 50†

11.57 News. 12.00 Closedown.

VHF only: Open University. From 6.35am to 6.55. Shelley romantic poet.

Radio 2

News on the hour (except 9.00pm). Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30 4.00am Colin Berry† 6.00 Ray Moore† 8.05 Ken Bruce† 10.30 Jimmy Young (gardening questions answered by Percy Thrower). 1.05 Sports Desk: David Jacobs† 2.00 Gloria Hunniford† incl 2.02; 3.02 Sports Desk. 3.30 Music All The Way† 4.00 David Hamilton† incl 4.02; 5.05 Sports Desk. 6.00 John Dunn† incl 6.02 Sports Desk. 6.45 Sport and classified results (MF) only 8.00 Syd Lawrence in Concert. 8.45 Big Band Special (BBC Big Band)† 9.15 Listen to the Band (Charlie Chester). The New York Staff Band of The Salvation Army 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Fosdyke Saga. With Stephanie Turner, Miriam Margolyes, David Threlfall and Philip Lowrie in the cast. Special guest: Freddie Jones and Leslie Sands. 10.15 Cantabile Four-man comedy group. 10.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00 am Peter Dickson presents Nightride† 3.00 Robert Docker at the piano† 3.30-4.00 So Much Blood. Final episode of thriller

Radio 1

News on the half hour from 6.30 am until 9.30 pm and at 12 midnight. 6.00 am Adrian John 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00 Paul Jordan, incl 12.30pm Newsbeat. 2.30 Steve Wright. 5.00 Bruno Brookes, incl 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.30 Janice Long 10.00-12.00 John Peel† VHF Radios 1 & 2: 4.00am With Radio 2. 10.00pm With Radio 1 12.00-4.00am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Omnibus 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-four Hours. 7.30 Report on Religion 7.45 That's Trad 8.00 World News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Classical Record Review 8.30 Only by Women. 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News 9.40 Look Ahead 9.45 Kitton on the Keys 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Development '85 11.00 World News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Personal Story 11.25 A Letter From Wales. 11.30 Meridian 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Nature Notebook. 12.25 The Farming World. 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours 1.30 Music From The Movies 2.00 Outlook 2.45 Report on Religion 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 A Gift of God 3.30 After Henry 4.00 World News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Counterpoint 7.45 Good Books 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 8.30 Not So Long Ago 9.00 News Summary 9.01 Network U K 9.15 Album Time 9.45 Recording of the Week 10.00 World News 10.09 The World Today 10.25 A Letter From Wales 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 World News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Good Books 11.30 Top Twenty 12.00 World News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 After Henry 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Waveguide 1.40 Book Choice 1.45 Monitor 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Network U K. 2.30 Not So Long Ago. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 The World Today 4.45 Financial News 4.55 Reflections 5.00 World News 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 5.45 The World Today

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BBC 1 Wales: 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today. 6.35-7.00 Juice. 12.00-12.05am News and weather. Scotland: 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland. 12.00-12.05am News and weather. Northern Ireland: 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport. 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster. 6.35-7.00 The Flintstones. 10.15-10.55 Gallery: Iris Murdoch. 10.55-11.25 Moment of Truth. 11.25-11.30 News and weather. England: 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

S4C Starts. 1.00pm Dream Stuffing. 1.30 Design Matters. 2.00 Taro Nodyn. 2.20 Ffalabalam. 2.35 Am Gymru. 2.55 Interval. 3.10 Film: Crimes at the Dark House.* 4.30 Old Country. 5.00 Hal o Hyd. 5.30 Munsters. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Chwarae Rygbi. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Casgliadau. 7.50 Llên y Brifwyl. 8.00 Roc 'Rol Te. 8.30 Y Byd Ar Bedwar. 9.05 Waterfront. 11.05 People to People. 12.00 Mosaic. 12.45am Closedown.

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TYNE TEES As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Better Half. 1.25-1.30 Where The Jobs Are. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 Northern Life. 12.00 In Tune With Heaven, Closedown.

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GRAMPIAN As London except: 12.30-1.00 That's Hollywood. 6.00-6.35 North Tonight. 12.00 News, Closedown.

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CENTRAL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Just Our Luck. 1.20 News. 1.30 Fifty. Fifty. 2.30-3.00 Ten Green Bottles. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 News. 12.00 Film: Spectre (Robert Culp). 1.45 Closedown.

TVS As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Sullivans. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Dreamers. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast. 12.00 Studio One in Concert. 12.30am Company, Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 News. 6.00-6.35 About Anglia. 12.00 Comedy Tonight. 12.30am This I Believe, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Sullivans. 1.20 News. 1.30 Something To Treasure. 2.00 Who's The Boss. 2.30-3.00 Seventeen Plus. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 This Is Your Right. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 12.30am Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 12.30-1.00 Glenroe 1.20-1.30 News. 2.30 Fifty. Fifty. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00-6.35 Lookaround. 12.00 News, Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 12.30 pm-1.00 Lock Who's Talking. 1.20 News 1.30 Job Spot. 1.30 Film: Fame is the Name of the Game. (Jill St John). 3.30-4.00 Short Story Theatre. 6.00-6.35 News and Scotland Today. 12.00 Late Call. Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 More Than Meets The Eye. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Duck Factory. 6.00 Channel Report 6.30 Crossroads. 6.55-7.00 Gary Lloyd Sound. 12.00 Closedown.

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Labour picks campaign chief

By Julian Haviland
Political Editor

The National Executive Committee of the Labour Party yesterday appointed as its director of campaigns and communications a grandson of Herbert Morrison, later Lord Morrison of Lambeth, who was deputy Prime Minister in the Labour government formed in 1945 and Home Secretary in the wartime coalition government.

Mr Peter Mandelson, a television producer with London Weekend Television's current affairs programme, *Weekend World*, succeeded on the second ballot, defeating Ms Nita Clarke, press officer to Mr Ken Livingstone

Mr Mandelson, aged 31, was supported by both Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, and Mr Roy Hattersley, deputy leader.

He has experience with the parliamentary Labour Party, where he was political adviser in 1980-82 to Mr Albert Booth as transport spokesman, and the TUC, where he worked in the economic department in 1977-78.

"My sole object is to get votes – enough votes to put Labour in power at the next election", Mr Mandelson said.

Staff defend head at centre of race dispute

Mr Ray Honeyford, the Bradford headmaster at the centre of a race relations dispute, yesterday received the backing of his teachers who said they were disgusted with the tactics of those campaigning against him.

A delegation of campaigners who have vowed to oust Mr Honeyford as head of the 530-pupil Drummond Middle School met with teachers in the school staff room.

One of the campaigners, Mr Ruben Goldberg a Labour councillor and school governor, said: "We wanted to stress to them that we have nothing against the teachers and the way they are working. We wanted to explain our point of view and clear up any misunderstandings".

Prince William enters new world of nursery school

First time through the school gate

Girls from another school waiting for a glimpse of royalty

Photographers gathered to capture the occasion

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sweater in one hand, and with the other proudly brandishing what turned out to be a paper mouse he had just made.

He has a distinctive tip-toed walk, purposeful yet apparently precipitous. But *there no trips* yesterday.

Ensconced in the child seat in the back of his father's Ford Granada estate, the hand held the mouse gave a final wave, and Prince William was gone.

The school he will attend several times a week for the next year or so has a large Winnie-the-Pooh poster in the entrance hall, where every pupil has a jacket-peg.

Examples of juvenile art adorn the walls of the four adjoining rooms, and there is a pretty paved garden, with a wooden play-hut at the end.

Eight teachers look after 36 pupils, who are divided into three equal groups, swans, little swans and cygnets. William is a cygnet, and his classroom, with model farms, is dominated by animals, used to illustrate numbers and letters of the alphabet. When he leaves, as a fully-flegged swan, he will be expected to have learnt to paint and sing.

Mrs Mynors seemed pleased with the latest addition to her school, but her only comment was laconic. "He liked it," she said.

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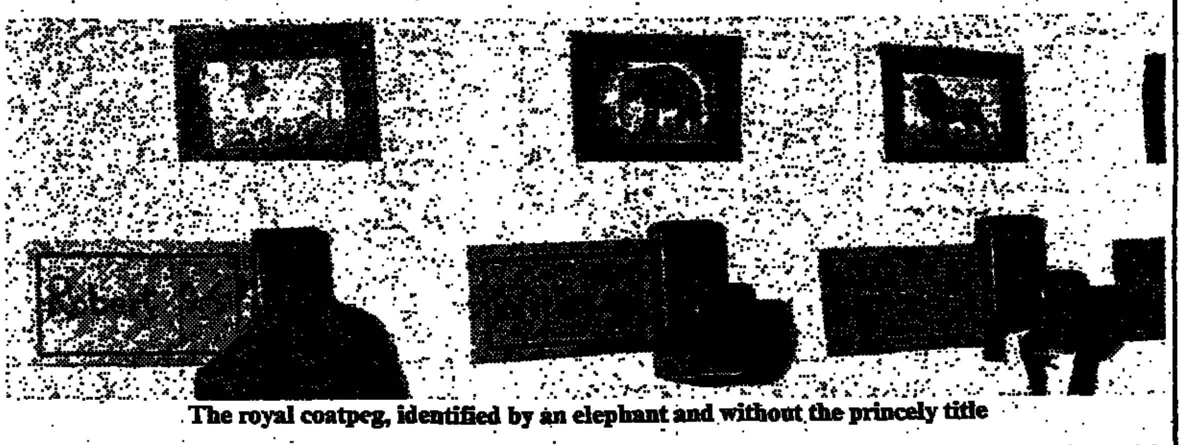
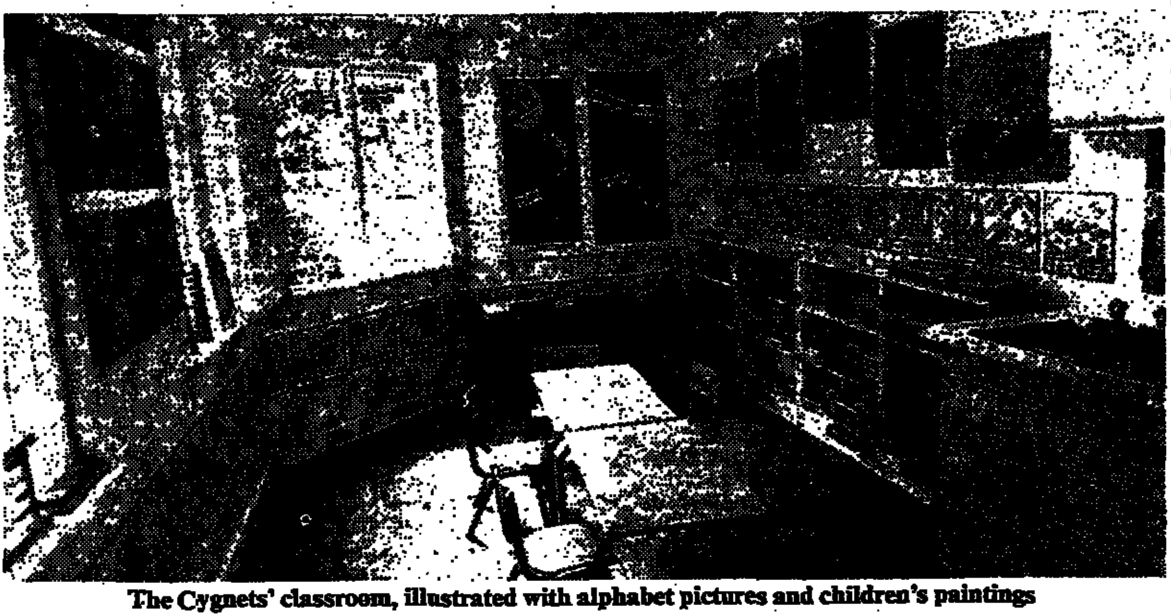

The royal coatpeg, identified by an elephant and without the princely title


The Cygnets' classroom, illustrated with alphabet pictures and children's paintings

NCB states criteria for keeping pits open

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● Maximizing production at low-cost pits and open cast sites.

Union leaders were angered by the absence of Mr MacGregor from yesterday's meeting of the Coal Industry Consultative Council. He is on a business trip to China.

Mr Peter Heathfield, general secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers, said that the meeting itself had been a "non event", but added that it appeared the board's plans would mean a "dramatic reduction in pit capacity".

He complained that this had been the first meeting of its kind since 1947 at which the chairman had not been present to go through the annual report and accounts.

Mr Alan Wilson, general secretarty of the British Association of Colliery Management, who was particularly forthright during the meeting in criticizing Mr MacGregor's absence, said: "What we have learned is what we already knew. The industry is run by one man and he was not there".

The morning session of the meeting was chaired successively by Mr James Carron, the board's deputy chairman, and Mr Arthur Scargill, the NUM president, who left at lunchtime.

Mr Cowan told the unions that there was serious concern about the NCB's coke subsidiary, National Smokeless Fuels, which provides coke for the steel industry as well as smokeless fuels for the domestic market. After a £52 million loss during the year of the strike, it was now trading thanks only to loans guaranteed by the NCB itself.

Pressed after the meeting the board was not under pressure to make most reductions before March 1987, when subsidies run out under the Coal Industry Act, Mr Moses said the first objective was to get rid of "hopeless cases".

He acknowledged that a further time pressure lay in the fact that the present severance payments under the miners' Redundant Mineworkers payment scheme are due to run out next year. But he insisted that it would be possible to seek the reductions without compulsory redundancy.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Princess of Wales, Honorary Air Commodore, RAF Wittering, visits RAF Wittering, Cambs, 11.

The Duke of Kent, as President, attends a board meeting at the Imperial War Museum, 12.15.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron, Age Concern, receives a minibus in Stable Yard, St James's Palace, 12.

London exhibitions

Sculpture by Scott Burton: Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, *Sun 2 to 5.30 (ends Dec 9).*

Work by Jacqueline Rizvi; Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly; Mon to Sun 10 to 6 (ends Oct 5).

New exhibitions

Medal Winners School Children's Art competition; Art Gallery and Museum, Kelvingrove, Glasgow; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Oct 27).

Landscape an Townscape: paintings by David Fowkes and sculptures by Neil Willis: The Stonegate Gallery, 52a Stonegate, York; Tues to Sat 11 to 5 (ends Oct 12).

Last chance to see

Kerbscape by Cyril Hamersma: Trinity Arts Centre; Church Rd, Tunbridge Wells; 10 to 2.30.

Exhibitions in progress

Prints by the Oxford Printmakers' Co-operative; **Bampton** Arts Centre, Town Hall, Oxon; Tues to Sat 10.30 to 1 and 2.30 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 4.30, closed Mon and Wed (ends Sept 29).

Lighthouses: Paintings by David Smith; City Museum & Art Gallery, Museum Rd, Old **Portsmouth**; Mon to Sat 10.30 to 5.30 (ends Oct 7).

Friends of the Artist by friends of Ben Levene: The Ogle Gallery, 12 Rotunda Terrace, Montpellier St, **Cheltenham**; Tues to Sat 10 to 5 (ends Oct 5).

Anglo-Saxon Coins, Fitzwilliam Museum, **Cambridge**; Tues to Fri 10 to 12 (ends Dec 20).

Symbols of Power at the timof Stonehenge: National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland, Queen St, **Edinburgh**; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Oct 13).

Images of China 1908 to 1912: photographs by Henry Laver; Pitt Rivers Museum, South Parks Rd, **Oxford**; Mon to Sat 2 to 4 (end of 1985).

Huguenot Goldsmiths im Hampshire: plate from churches and private chapels 1685 to 1735, Cathedral Treasury, **Winchester** Cathedral; Mon to Sat 11 to 5; Sun 2.30 to 4.30 (ends Sept 29).

Music

Concert by the Britten-Pears Orchestra; Beccles Parish Church, 7.30.

Canterbury Festival: Work by Bach, Handel and Scarlatti with Trevor Pinnock (harpsichord); Gulbenkian, 7.30; and Concert by the Jaye Consort of Violas, **Canterbury** Cathedral, 9.45pm.

Recital by the Placgan Piano Quartet, 1; Concert by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, 7.30. **Birmingham** Town Hall.

Talks, lectures

Craft Matters: Why so many women work in the textile related crafts, by Pennina Barnett; Murray Building, **Southampton** University, 7.30.

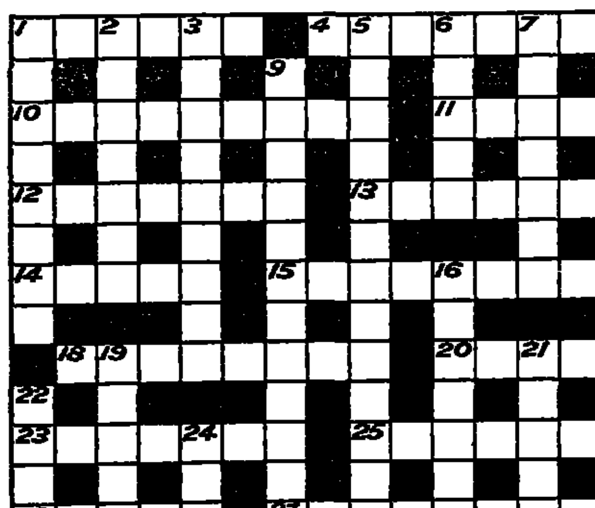
Canterbury Festival: Ancestors of the violin, by Mary Remnant, Old Synagogue, **Canterbury**, 5.

General

Woburn Festival: Photographic Exhibition: The Garden Studio, Cores End Rd, **Bourne End**, Bucks, 1 to 7.

Church of England Childrens Society Autumn Market: De La Warr Pavilion, **Bexhill**, 10.15.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,851



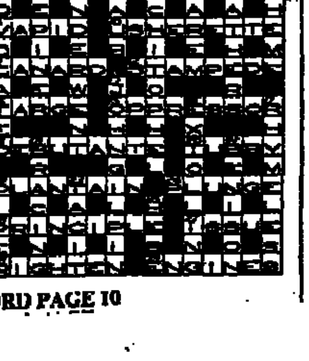
ACROSS

1 Pretentious youth approaches princess (2-2-2).
4 About to give chase, naturally (2,6).
10 Not a single empty seat here, but two and three together (4,5).
11 6 changes the subject (5).
12 Three-quarters quick to no purpose in a bruised way (7).
13 Fence, most of it round the Spanish (7).
14 Girl not quite all there (5).
15 Get on Caribbean island without a beau (3,2,3).
18 All at once turn round, wearing a tie (8).
20 I criticize Muslims (5).
23 Challenging unsteadily, fainted (7).
25 Basic tyre containing carbon (7).
26 £1,000 in August (5).
27 Farming economy (9).
28 Breaching a redoubt is hard (8).
29 Write again in its entirety, perhaps (6).

DOWN

1 Half lift cat to safety by means of this (4-4).
2 An eagle tried (and Hercules managed) to do this to Prometheus (7).
3 They dread being made dry (9).
5 Frank undertaking unstated business? (4,10).
6 Measure of sight (5).
7 *Rating* has to make sure the water can't get in again (7).
8 Fight shy of East's champ (6).
9 Thackeray had a name for this (4,3,7).
16 Poor quality earth, dirt requiring treatment (5-4).
17 Worker's representative, look you, in the outskirts of Ebbw Vale (8).
19 Casual worker unsatisfactory at first (7).
21 Clearly, I had left Miss Lockit outside (7).
22 Slow movement gets a soldier in trouble (6).
24 Creature appearing in summer (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,850



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Spruce wood beetle

A new leaflet explaining the controls to prevent the spread of the Great Spruce Bark Beetle (Dendroctorius micans) has been published by the Forestry Commission. Aimed at woodland owners, hauliers and drivers of vehicles moving spruce wood, the leaflet spells out the procedures which have to be followed to comply with the Statutory Order, the Restriction on the Movement of Spruc Wood Order 1982 and the Amendment to the Order which came into effect on March 25, 1985.

Copies free from Plant Health Branch, Forestry Commission, 231 Corstorphine Road, Edinburgh EH12 7AT.

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Portugal Esc	228.00	217.00
South Africa Rd	3.60	3.10
Spain Pta	235.50	226.50
Sweden Kr	12.07	11.52
Switzerland Fr	3.255	3.135
USA $	1.48	1.42
Yugoslavia Dnr	448.00	408.00

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Retail Price Index: 376.7

London: The *FT* index closed down 12.5 at 982.7.

New books – hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

Ancient History, Evidence and Models, by M I Finley (Chatto & Windus, £12.95)
Colette, A Passion for Life, by Genevieve Dormann (Thames & Hudson, £25)
Great Legal Fiascos, by Stephen Tumim (Arthur Barker, £5.95)
Now the War is Over, by Paul Addison (BBC/Cape, £10.95)
Intellectual Life in the Late Roman Republic, by Elizabeth Rawson (Duckworth, £35)
Renoir, by Denis Rouart (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £20)
Royal Mail, The Post Office since 1840, by M J Daunton (The Athlone Press, £18.50)
Royal Palaces of France, by Ian Dunlop (Hamish Hamilton, £18)
The Cambridge Historical Encyclopedia of Great Britain and Ireland, edited by Christopher Haigh (Cambidge, £19.50)
The Oxford Book of Short Poems, chosen and edited by P J Kavanagh and James Michie (Oxford, £9.50)

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Roads

The Midlands: M5: Junctions 2 (Dudley/Birmingham W/Kidderminster: southbound entry slip road at junction 2 closed. M5: Widening work between junction 4 (A38 Bromsgrove) and 5 (A38 Droitwich; single line northbound at times; two lanes southbound; no northern access at junction 5; delays. A456: Road completely closed to traffic through Bewdley town centre in each direction; this is the only main road; *light* vehicles only will be diverted via a slow route through the town; vehicles over 7.5 tonnes will be diverted away from the town.

Wales and West: A470: Restrictions between Treharris and Taff's Well, Mid Glamorgan. A465: Temporary lights on the Neath to Glyn Neath Road at Aberdulais (West Glamorgan); also temporary lights on Pant viaduct and Taff Fawr viaduct (24 hours). M4: Contraflow between junctions 22 and 23, Chepstow to Magor, Gwent; only one lane available for eastbound traffic.

The North: M62: Contraflow between junctions 18 and 19, Greater Manchester (either side of Birch services); repairs and resurfacing. A19: Bridge painting between B1404 (Seaton Co Durham) and A 690 (S W of Sunderland, Tyne and Wear; contraflow. A6044: Single lane traffic at the junction with Kersall Vale Rd, Salford; delays peak periods, Greater Manchester.

Scotland: M8: Westbound carriageway closed E of junction 3 (Livingstone interchange); two way traffic on eastbound carriageway. A9: Road construction at Killiecrankie (Perthshire); periodic halting of traffic during blasting operations. A840: Roadworks at two locations S of Strathyre (Perthshire); single fine traffic.

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Portfolio

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Earthquake appeal

Eight Building Societies will now recieve donations across the counter towards Mr Terry Waite's Mexico Earthquake Appeal. Mr Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy, launched the appeal yesterday. Societies taking part in the appeal one the Abbey National and Provincial, Nationwide and The Woolwich. Donations can also be sent direct to Mr Terry Waite, Y Care International (Mexico), 640 Forest Road, London E17.

Broadcasting report

Copies of the report *What is Public Service Broadcasting and how should it be funded?* a report of the conference held by Voice of the Listener and submitted to the Peacock Committee, are available from the Conference Secretary, 101 King's Drive, Gravesend, Kent DA12 5BQ; tel 0474 64676, price £5 (plus 75p p&p).

Professor Alan Peacock will be speaking at Voice of the Listener's second annual meeting in London on October 21 at 6 pm. Admission by ticket available from the Conference Secretary at the above address.

Anniversaries

Births: **Felicia Hemans**, poet ("Casablanca"), Liverpool, 1793; **Sir Charles Cochran**, impresario, Lindfield, Sussex, 1872; **William Faulkner**, novelist *(Light in August)*, New Albany, Mississippi, 1897; **Mark Rothko**, painter, Daugavpils, USSR, 1903.

Deaths: **Samuel Butler**, writer *(Hudibras)*, London, 1680; **Johann Strauss** ("Radetzky-Marsch"), Vienna, 1849; **Erich Maria Remarque**, author of *All Quiet on the Western Front*, Locarno, 1970.

The papers

The Daily Star says: "Liverpool once basked in the glory of being known as 'the second city of the empire.' Now it faces the ignominy of being the first city in Britain ever to go bankrupt." Commenting on the threatened strike by Liverpool council workers, the paper says: "Too much pig-headedness on both sides has led to the current crisis, and in such a war of political ideology there will be *no* winners – certainly not the Merseysiders themselves." It adds: "The all out strike they threaten is a cruelly cynical ploy aimed to hit the old, the poor and the helpless. Leon Trotsky does not rule OK in Britain."

Commenting on the possible replacement of the 10p coin with a much smaller coin, the Daily Express says: "That would make sence. Our coinage is hopelessly illogical at the moment. We have a hulking 50p piece roughly three times the size of 100p piece and a 10p piece twice the size of a 20p piece, which is also smaller than the 5p piece."

Weather forecast

A shallow ridge of high pressure to the E of Britain with a weak frontal trough moving into W and N areas.

6 am to midnight

London, SE, central S, E, central N England, East Anglia, Midlands, Channel Islands: Rather cloudy with perhaps a little rain in places, sunny intervals developing, wind S E, light; max temp 20C (68F).

SW England, Wales, Isle of Man: Coasts dull and misty with occasional drizzle, inland mainly dry with some sunny intervals developing; wind S light; max temp 19C (66F).

NW England, Lake Districts, SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, Northern Ireland: Mainly cloudy with occasional rain or drizzle, hill fog; wind S moderate; max temp 17C (63F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen: Mainly dry with sunny intervals, perhaps a little rain in *places later; wind S light; max temp 19C* (66F).

Orkney, Shetland: Mainly cloudy with occasional rain or drizzle, rather misty; wind S moderate; max temp 12C (54F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Cloudy with a little rain and drizzle in the N W and extreme N; elsewhere mainly dry with some sunshine; overnight fog patches; temperatures a little above normal, but rather warm in places.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind variable light, mainly fair; visibility moderate with fog patches; sea smooth. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind mainly S, light or moderate, occasional rain or drizzle; visibility with fog patches; *sea smooth or slight.*

Sun rises: 6.51 am
Sun sets: 6.52 pm
Moon sets: 2.12 am
Moon rises: 6.15 pm
Full Moon: September 29.

Lighting-up time

London 7.22 pm to 6.23 am
Bristol 7.32 pm to 6.33 am
Edinburgh 7.34 pm to 6.36 am
Manchester 7.31 pm to 6.31 am
Penzance 7.44 pm to 6.44 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	15	59	Guernsey	c	18	64
Birmingham	f	17	63	Inverness	c	15	59
Blackpool	c	16	61	Jersey	f	21	70
Bristol	c	17	63	London	r	17	63
Cardiff	c	14	57	Manchester	c	15	59
Edinburgh	c	15	59	Newcastle	s	15	59
Glasgow	c	14	57	Ronaldsway	c	15	59

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 19C (66F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 13C (55F). Humidity: 6 pm, 67 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, a trace. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.8hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1019.8 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Jersey 22C (72F); lowest day max: Lerwick and Fair Isle 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath 0.51in; highest sunshine: Lerwick 9.3hr.

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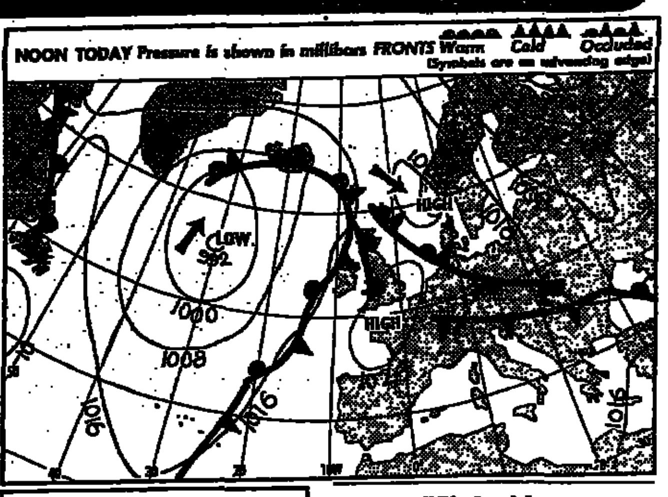
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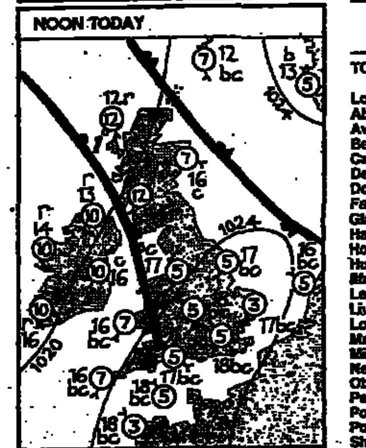

b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind-direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperatures centigrade.

High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11.52	5.9	–	–
Aberdeen	–	–	12.12	3.7
Avonmouth	5.19	10.1	5.51	11.0
Belfast	9.34	3.0	9.49	3.2
Cardiff	5.04	9.5	5.36	10.2
Devonport	4.11	4.4	4.33	4.8
Dover	9.44	5.6	10.22	5.8
Falmouth	3.41	4.2	4.03	4.6
Glasgow	11.30	4.0	m'ngt	4.3
Harwich	9.51	3.4	10.29	3.7
Holyhead	8.11	4.7	9.18	5.1
Hull	4.27	6.1	5.21	6.3
Ilfracombe	4.21	7.3	4.48	8.0
Leith	12.38	4.7	1.20	4.9
Liverpool	9.49	7.9	10.05	8.4
Lowestoft	7.24	2.2	8.35	2.3
Margate	10.07	4.1	11.04	4.4
Milford Haven	4.41	5.5	5.03	5.0
Newquay	3.37	5.6	3.58	6.1
Oban	5.03	3.1	5.08	3.6
Penzance	3.17	4.4	3.38	4.8
Portland	5.16	1.5	5.30	1.9
Portsmouth	10.10	4.0	10.23	4.0
Shoreham	9.40	5.2	10.09	5.2
Southampton	9.48	4.1	9.59	4.0
Swansea	4.43	7.5	5.09	8.1
Tees	1.45	4.4	2.36	4.7
Walton-on-Naze	9.49	3.5	10.34	3.8

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	F	
EAST COAST					
Scarboro	2.4	–	17	63	Bright
Bridlington	3.6	–	18	64	Sunny
Cromer	2.0	–	17	63	Sunny
Lowestoft	0.7	–	18	64	Cloudy
Clacton	2.8	–	18	64	Cloudy
Margate	–	–	18	64	Bright
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	8.3	–	19	66	Sunny
Hastings	6.1	–	19	66	Sunny pm
Eastbourne	6.2	–	18	64	Sunny pm
Brighton	5.8	–	18	64	Sunny
Worthing	5.5	–	18	64	Sunny pm
Littlehmptn	4.9	–	19	66	Sunny pm
Bognor R	6.7	–	18	64	Sunny
Southsea	2.4	–	18	64	Cloudy
Sandown	6.7	–	19	66	Sunny
Shanklin	6.8	–	18	64	Sunny
Bournemth	2.4	–	18	64	Bright pm
Poole	1.6	–	19	66	Cloudy
Swanage	2.0	–	17	63	Bright
Weymouth	1.0	–	18	64	Cloudy
Exmouth	0.1	–	16	61	Dull
Teignmouth	0.3	.01	16	61	Cloudy
Torquay	0.5	–	16	61	Cloudy
Falmouth	–	.07	15	59	Drzle
Penzance	–	.03	16	61	Drzle
Jersey	5.8	–	22	72	Sunny
Guernsey	5.1	–	20	68	Bright
WEST COAST					
Scilly Isles	0.3	.05	17	63	Cloudy
Newquay	0.2	.01	16	61	Cloudy
Ilfracombe	–	.02	16	61	Cloudy
Tenby	2.3	–	16	61	Cloudy
Colwyn Bay	–	–	16	61	Dull
Southport	–				
Morecambe	3.1	–	17	63	Bright
Douglas	2.4	–	15	59	Bright pm
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London (Ctrl)	0.8	–	20	68	Cloudy
B'ham (Airpt)	2.5	–	18	64	Bright
Bristol (Ctrl)	–				
Cardiff (Ctrl)	–	.01	15	59	Dull
Anglesey	1.9	–	17	63	Cloudy
B'pool (Airpt)	6.3	–	17	63	Bright
Manchester	3.6	–	18	64	Sunny pm
Nottingham	5.2	–	18	64	Sunny pm
N'cstl-u-Tyne	6.8	–	17	63	Sunny
Carlisle	0.1	.01	15	59	Cloudy
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir	0.4	.04	14	57	Drzle am
Prestwick	0.7	.03	15	59	Bright
Glasgow	0.4	–	15	59	Cloudy
Tiree	0.1	.04	14	57	Drzle
Stornoway	–	.05	14	57	Drzle
Lerwick	9.3	–	11	52	Sunny
Wick	–	.10	11	52	Rain
Kinloss	–	.08	14	57	Drzle
Aberdeen	0.3	.08	15	59	Rain pm
St Andrews	–	–	–	–	
Edinburgh	1.1	–	17	63	Bright
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	1.6	–	17	63	Bright

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	26	79	Cologne	c	18	64	Majorca	f	26	79	Rome	s	27	81
Akrotiri	s	27	81	Copenhgn	r	11	52	Malaga	s	24	75	Salzburg*	s	26	79
Alexandria	f	30	86	Corfu	s	29	84	Malta	s	27	81	Sao Paulo*	c	26	79
Algiers	f	27	81	Dublin	c	15	59	Melbourne	s	25	77	S Francisco*	c	18	64
Amsterdam	f	18	64	Dubrovnik	s	27	81	Mexico C				Santiago*	s	24	75
Athens	s	27	81	Faro	s	24	75	Miami*	f	31	88	Seoul	f	24	75
Bahrain	s	34	93	Florence	s	28	82	Milan	s	28	82	Singapore*	f	27	81
Barbados				Frankfurt	s	21	70	Montreal*	s	25	77	Stockholm	s	12	54
Barcelona	f	26	79	Funchal	s	26	79	Moscow	c	10	50	Strasbourg	s	24	75
Beirut	s	29	84	Geneva	s	24	75	Munich	s	23	73	Sydney	s	19	66
Belgrade	s	28	82	Gibraltar	s	24	75	Nairobi	f	25	77	Tangier	s	24	75
Berlin	c	17	63	Helsinki	f	9	48	Naples	s	27	81	Tel Aviv	s	29	84
Bermuda*	s	28	82	Hong Kong	c	28	82	New Delhi	r	26	79	Tenerife*	s	26	79
Biarritz	f	22	72	Innsbruck*	s	23	73	New York*	c	21	70	Tokyo	r	16	61
Boulogne	f	17	63	Istanbul	s	26	79	Nice	s	24	75	Toronto*	s	23	73
Bordeaux	s	28	82	Jiddah	s	36	97	Oslo	s	10	50	Tunis	s	30	86
Brussels	f	16	61	Jo'burg	s	24	75	Paris	s	21	70	Valencia	f	26	79
Budapest	s	22	72	Karachi	c	30	86	Peking	s	19	66	Vancouver*	f	14	57
B Aires*	c	15	59	Las Palmas	s	26	79	Perth	c	16	61	Venice	s	27	81
Cairo	s	33	91	Lisbon	f	24	75	Prague	s	18	64	Vienna	s	23	73
Cape Tn	f	16	61	Locarno	s	24	75	Reykjavik	f	8	46	Warsaw	c	13	55
C'blanca	s	24	75	L Angeles*	s	21	70	Rhodes	s	25	77	Washington*	c	23	73
Chicago*	c	22	72	Luxembg	f	19	66	Riyadh	s	36	97	Wellington*	s	14	57
Ch'church*	c	18	64	Madrid	s	25	77	Rio de Jan	c	21	70	Zurich	s	24	75

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

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